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RESCUE TUG PRACTICALLY UNMANAGEABLE IN BAD WEATHER

MOTOR ENGINES NO GAIN

The following "White Paper" has been issued by the Government relative to the rescue tug "Kausing". At a Legislative Council meeting held on March 7, 1929, the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., asked the following question:—

"Will the Government obtain a report for the information of this Council, from the Harbour Master with reference to:—

- (i) the feasibility of, and
- (ii) the cost (after giving credit for the estimated sale-value of her present engines) of substituting motor-engines, for the present engines of the "Kausing"?

Harbour Master's Report

The Government undertook to obtain the report asked for and the report by the Harbour Master to the Colonial Secretary is printed below:—

1. Before discussing the feasibility of undertaking the alterations to the "Kausing" suggested in Sir Henry Pollock's question in the Legislative Council on March 7, 1929, I would review the conditions and circumstances under which "Kausing" was built.

Arising from the typhoon that struck this Colony on August 18, 1923, the Harbour Master (Commander C. W. Beckwith) addressed a letter to the Colonial Secretary proposing that Government should build a powerful rescue tug for the purpose of rendering assistance generally in the harbour to all craft and making certain recommendations as to the requirements of such tug, one of which was:—

"5. (c) Twin screw engines making her more easily manoeuvred and with less chance of getting foul and put out of action."

This letter was referred to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce by letter dated September 25, 1923, and a reply thereto was received dated October 31, 1923, forwarding an extract from minutes of a joint meeting of the General Committee and Shipping Sub-Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, held on September 4, 1923, to discuss with the Colonial Secretary on various matters.

On November 23, 1923, the Colonial Secretary again wrote to the Chamber of Commerce forwarding an amended plan of the proposed tug stating: "Water Tube boilers are suggested with oil fuel for steaming which would enable steam to be generated quickly in typhoon weather."

Committee of Experts

On January 4, 1924 the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, replied that the plans of the proposed rescue tug had been referred to a Special Sub-Committee of Experts. On February 15, 1924, the Secretary to the General Chamber of Commerce again wrote to the Colonial Secretary stating that the plans had been considered in detail by the Special Sub-Committee of Experts and enclosing the minutes of their proceedings and stating that it was hoped that the notes therein would make it possible for Government to invite plans, specifications, and tenders for this vessel.

The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting of this Special Committee appointed to consider the design of the rescue tug to be acquired by the Hong Kong Government held at the Chamber Room, Chartered Bank Building, on January 22, 1924:—

Present

Messrs. R. Sutherland, (Chairman), R. M. Dyer, J. Reid, Captain T. Davidson, Captain T. Arthur, Mr. W. Lang, Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair), and the Assistant Secretary, (Mr. M. F. Key).

(3).—Single or Twin Screw. The merits of single and twin screws were considered and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the former.

(4).—Boilers.

The meeting was unanimous on the desirability of installing Scotch boilers adaptable either for oil or coal fuel i.e. forced draught boilers developing about 1200 H.P. (triple expansion engines). It was general considered that

OPIUM IN BAG

MAIL COOLIE WALKS IN SUSPICIOUS MANNER

ARRESTED ON WHARF

A rather bold attempt to evade the law was made the day before yesterday by a mail coolie on board the s.s. "Kinshan," a vessel plying up the West River, when he endeavoured to get past the European and Chinese revenue officers with a quantity of illicit opium which he had cleverly hidden in the recesses of his mail bag.

He would have passed unsuspected but for the fact that he appeared to be in a very great hurry and this attracted the suspicion of the Revenue officers who, after questioning him to gain unsatisfactory replies searched him, and the opium was brought to light.

Accused appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, but owing to some hitch occurring over the official opium certificate which apparently was not signed by any responsible person the case was remanded.

Evidence was taken this morning and accused was convicted, a fine of \$1,500 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment being imposed.

'PLANE'S MISHAP

LINER RUNS OVER A PETROL TANK

RELATED MAIL

Bagdad, Yesterday. The West Bound Indian air liner, while taxiing at the aerodrome prior to taking off to Cairo ran over an underground petrol tank, broke off a tail and skidded. She damaged her fuselage and consequently was unable to leave.

It is anticipated that the mails will be 24 hours late for Cairo, but it will be possible to make up the time between there and Croydon.

Reuter.

It would be quite feasible to have steam on one boiler with typhoon weather in the vicinity and that no difficulty would be experienced in raising the necessary full head of steam by the time the vessel came into commission.

In connection with the water tube boilers the meeting were unanimous that they were not desirable.

Modifications Adopted

Government accepted the recommendations of the Committee in principle with slight modifications put forward at a further meeting of this Committee of Experts which was attended by the Acting Harbour Master (Lt.-Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R.), and Mr. L. H. King, the Government Electrical Engineer.

These modifications were adopted and tenders were called for by Government Notification No. S. 208 dated July 25, 1924 and the tender put forward by the Taikeo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong was accepted and the tug was accordingly built with Scotch boilers and single screw.

It has been now found from practical experience of the "Kausing" that:—

- (a) owing to have only a single screw she is practically unmanageable in typhoon weather when attempting to manoeuvre alongside a ship,
- (b) from cold boilers it takes 12 hours to raise steam and that even with fires banked in one boiler it is not considered safe to send her outside harbour limits until such time as steam has been raised in the second boiler.

Moor Engines

The question of converting the "Kausing" to motor engines has been carefully gone into and I forward herewith a memorandum by the Government Marine Surveyor on the subject.

As all the machinery in the "Kausing" is at present steam driven it necessarily follows that if the present boilers and engines are removed to make way for motor engines (capstan, steering engine etc.), must be removed also, and electrical machinery fitted in lieu thereof together with a large dynamo to supply the necessary power. The estimated market value of the present

BRITISH COLONIAL ESTIMATES

IN THE COMMONS

MR. AMERY AND ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT

CEYLON-MALAYA TRADE

London, Yesterday. Mr. L. S. M. Amery (Dominions Secretary) in introducing the Colonial estimates in the House of Commons emphasised that there had been remarkable all round economic development in the Colonies during the past five years and said the trade of Ceylon, Malaya and of that group had risen between 1924 and 1928 from \$153,000,000 to \$247,000,000 a substantial part of which had been with Britain.

Rubber Industry

Referring to the rubber industry Mr. Amery said that while the situation from the view point of the rubber grower was still difficult and anxious, the gloomy predictions made when the restrictions were ended were unfulfilled. The price rose and the price represented more than would be represented under restrictions, because it represented rubber produced under more favourable conditions from the point of view of overhead charges. The general expansion demanded improved transport and local Governments were to be aided financially from the Colonial Development Fund recently foreshadowed by Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Amery, referring to education development said he trusted that Raffles University and College at Singapore would shortly become the Ceylon University.

Mr. Amery announced that he had appointed a committee, comprising Sir Warren Fisher, as Chairman, Sir Hesketh Bell, Mr. John Buchanan and others, with wide terms of reference to consider the existing system and the appointment of Colonial Office and public service dependencies not possessing responsible Government, their ambition being to make the service of the Colonial Office interchangeable with the service outside.

Malaya's Social Problem

Replying to criticisms on the Colonial estimates, Mr. Ormsby Gore (Under Secretary for the Colonies) said that Mr. Amery had sent the Balfour-Burleigh report regarding venereal diseases and other questions in the Straits Settlements to the Governor with their blessing. They were endeavouring to find a suitable woman for the duties as Lord Burleigh had suggested. The Chinese population had increased tremendously, particularly in the city of Singapore. During the last three years it had increased by 300,000 yearly in British Malaya generally and the disproportion of the sexes was terrible. The Government and the Chinese welfare authorities were doing their utmost to overcome a really difficult social problem.

Dead Sea Minerals

In the course of the debate on the Colonial Office estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Amery (Colonial Secretary) in allusion to the Dead Sea area, said that the region contained vast quantities of minerals. Whether the minerals could be extracted under conditions which would yield commercial profit was uncertain, but he was glad to say that long negotiations between the Palestine and the Trans-Jordanian Governments, as concessionaires, had now practically come to a conclusion satisfactory from the viewpoint of the two Governments.

Colonial Development

Referring to the Colonial Development Fund, which had been foreshadowed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Amery said that such a fund would contribute not only to the welfare of the inhabitants of the Colonies concerned but directly in orders for equipment of railways and other public works and indirectly in the general expansion of trade and that it would contribute to the creation of much-needed employment in Britain.—British Wireless Service.

Colonial Trade

Mr. Amery mentioned that the total trade of the Colonial Empire had by 1927 come very close to \$500,000,000 and he had no doubt the figures of the present year would well exceed it.

Estimates Adopted

The House of Commons adopted the Colonial estimates.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND "MAY DAY" AGITATORS

PRECAUTIONS

MINISTER OF INTERIOR ARRESTS MANY FOREIGNERS

INCLUDING BESPALOFF

Paris, Yesterday. In consequence of drastic precautions by the Minister of the Interior to prevent May Day demonstrations, many foreigners were arrested yesterday, including Bespaloff, President of the Lyons Union for the Repatriation of Russians. He was a member of the Third Internationale, who had been specially sent to Paris to direct foreign Communist agitation. Davilleux, Secretary of the extremist Trade-Unionist Confederation, whom his party instructed to remain was also arrested.—Reuter.

Latvia and Lithuania

Riga, Yesterday. The Latvian authorities have forbidden May Day demonstrations. The police raided Communist headquarters.

SHOWERY

This morning's weather report from the Royal Observatory stated:—

Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of the Bonins; depressions are situated over Tongking and to the north of Shanghai.

Forecast:—South winds, moderate; fair to showery.

quarters from the Communist International threatening to discontinue finance to Latvian comrades unless the latter demonstrated on May Day.

Kovno, Yesterday.

The Lithuanian Government have forbidden demonstrations and have closed down all Socialist organisations.—Reuter.

Wholesale Arrests

Paris, To-day. 314 persons suspected of "militant Communism" have now been arrested. The troops from several provincial garrisons have arrived and the Police have been reinforced.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY IN CHINA

National Government Issues a Mandate

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The National Government has issued a mandate proclaiming a holiday to-morrow (Labour Day). It is understood that most of the Chinese employees, including postal workers, Government employees, and mill hands will observe the holiday.—Reuter.

WATER SCARCITY

DECREASE OF 35 MILLION GALLONS

The following official statement has reached us for publication:—
Hong Kong Water Works
The total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday, amounted to 327.26 million gallons showing a decrease of 35.12 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 37.59 million gallons and includes 2.10 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the water front, and 1.43 million gallons from the Taikeo reservoirs.

Kowloon Water Works

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, amounted to 117.44 million gallons showing a decrease of 19.37 million gallons during the past week. The week's consumption including supplies to water boats and Hong Kong totals 29.83 million gallons. Fully an inch of rain was recorded in the Shing Mun Valley over the week-end and the yield of the stream for the week was approximately 10 million gallons.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 7/16.

TAXATION ON MOTOR VEHICLES

HOME EXAMPLE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED IN COLONY

A PETROL TAX

The following report of the Committee appointed to consider and advise on the taxation of motor vehicles has been issued by the Government as a White Paper:—

The Committee recommend that the taxation on motor vehicles be as follows:—
A duty of 10 cents per gallon on light oils as defined by the Home Regulations. No rebates to be allowed on such oils used for purposes other than fuel for motor vehicles.

In addition to the above:—

- (a) Private motor cars and motor cycles.
\$2 for each unit or part of a unit of horse-power. Such horse power to be calculated in the same way as in Britain. Side cars to motor cycles \$5 in addition.
- (b) Hackney motors (vehicles standing or plying for hire, buses, etc.).
Per seating capacity for each seat excluding the driver's seat \$10.
- (c) Commercial goods vehicles constructed or adapted for use and used solely for the conveyance of goods in the course of trade.

Weight unladen.

Not exceeding 12 cwt. \$24
Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton 36
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 1½ tons 48
For each additional ½ ton or part 12

The above annual licence fees are for vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres. The licence fees for vehicles fitted with solid tyres shall be 100 per cent. in addition to the above for each pair of wheels so fitted.

Registration Discs

It is also recommended that registration discs be carried on the vehicles themselves similar to the discs in use in Great Britain. This is an easy method to check that licence fees have been duly paid.

This is on similar lines to the motor taxation in Britain which is set forth below:—

- (i) A duty of 4d. a gallon on all light oils. No rebate.
- (ii) In addition to the above:—
(a) Private Motor Cars.
\$1 for each unit or part of a unit of horse-power with a minimum of \$5.

(b) Motor Bicycles.

Not exceeding 200 lbs. \$1.10.0
Exceeding 200 lbs. 3. 0.0
Side cars, Extra 1. 0.0

(c) Hackney Motors.

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More than 20, not more than 26 60 48
More than 26, not more than 32 72 60
More than 32 84 50

(d) Commercial Goods Vehicles.

Weight unladen. Annual Licence.
Not exceeding 12 cwt. £10
Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton 16
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 2 tons 21
Exceeding 2 tons but not exceeding 3 tons 25
Exceeding 3 tons but not exceeding 4 tons 28
Exceeding 4 tons 30

Petrol Tax

As regards a Petrol Tax, it is now generally considered that a Petrol Tax is the fairest method of taxation for motor vehicles as by this means the tax is proportional to the use made of roads. In Great Britain the tax has now been re-introduced. Objections to a petrol tax are any question of rebates where petrol is used for other purposes, or for cars used

COUNCIL MEETING

ABERDEEN WATER SCHEME ON AGENDA

TO COST \$2,702,000

The following motions are on the agenda for the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon:—
The Colonial Secretary to move:—

That the Reports of the Finance Committee Nos. 3 and 4 dated 21st March, 1929, be adopted.
The Colonial Secretary to move:—

That this Council approves the carrying out of the Aberdeen Water Scheme set out in S.P. No. 10 of 1927, at an estimated cost of \$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$555,000 during the current financial year, the cost to be met by a future loan and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the funds of the Colony.
The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to move the first reading of:—
"An Ordinance to amend the constitution of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation."

FOR THE MINERS

MANSON HOUSE FUND NOW CLOSED

TOTAL \$343,000

London, Yesterday.

The Manson House Fund for distressed miners, now closed, amounts to \$343,000 to which the Government will grant a similar amount.—Reuter.

PEER'S BEQUEST

\$100,000 FOR KING EDWARD'S FUND

London, Yesterday.

Lord Revelstoke, (who died recently in Paris) has bequeathed \$100,000 to King Edward's Fund, from which the income is to be annually distributed.—Reuter.

for particular purposes i.e. doctors

cars. In Great Britain there are now no rebates given and the only satisfactory principle is not to grant any rebates. Another difficulty was definition, this is now got over by the definition of light oils introduced into the British Finance Act of 1928. A local difficulty might be smuggling. But as the article is bulky this difficulty, which means smuggling from Canton, would not be real unless the tax were made much higher, say 40 cents a gallon. The duty on importation to China is considerably more than proposed for Hong Kong.

There are only about three large firms who import petrol into Hong Kong. It should be easy to licence such firms for wholesale dealing and duty collected from these firms on returns periodically given to the revenue authorities, such returns being checked by the difference between exports and imports and amount in storage.

Tax on Private Vehicles

As it is not advisable to put too great a tax on petrol it becomes necessary to increase the tax on motor vehicles by other means and it is recommended that the system in force in Great Britain be adopted. That is in addition to the Petrol Tax there should be a horse power tax on private vehicles. A seating tax on hackney vehicles, and a weight tax on commercial vehicles i.e. lorries. It is further proposed to treble the last mentioned tax in the case of solid tyred lorries owing to the great damage done to roads by such vehicles.

An extract from the Law Reports for 1928 concerning the recent Petrol Tax is attached to the report.

The Committee were of the opinion that solid tyred vehicles could not be prohibited, and in order to discourage their use have suggested increased licence fees for such vehicles.

The Committee comprises the Hon. Messrs. J. Owen Hughes, Harold T. Creasy, Director of Public Works, E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, and C. McI. Messer, Colonial Treasurer.

FIRE APPLIANCES IN COLONY

RESCUE LADDERS

NECESSARY INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS & OFFICE

MATTER OF FIRE EXITS

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga will ask the following questions:—

- (a) Without implying any reflection on the personnel of the efficient and hardworking staff of the Fire Brigade, is the Government satisfied with the up-to-dateness and completeness of the appliances and equipment for fire-saving in the event of another outbreak of fire like that of the King Edward Hotel in the small hours of March 11?

- (b) Are the rescue-ladders of a sufficient height to reach the top floor of the tallest building in the Colony when any inmates are entrapped therein in the case of a fire?

- (c) If not, will the Government take immediate steps to provide the Fire Department with a sufficiency of all appliances (including jumping-sheets) necessary so as to avert the recurrence of a disaster and to minimize, as far as practicable, the loss of lives such as happened in the King Edward Hotel fire?
- (d) Will the Government cause an immediate inspection to be made of all the large buildings and offices in the Colony—e.g. China Building, Queen's, King's, Prince's, Alexandra, and similar buildings—to ascertain if:—

- (i) fire exits are provided on every floor therein;
- (ii) there are indicators showing the way to the exits and lighted in red by night, in the same manner as is done in theatres;
- (iii) that the passages along these exits are made easily accessible and kept free from obstructions at all times?

- (e) If no powers exist to compel the enforcement of the requirements stated in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of the foregoing question, will the Government frame and introduce early legislation with a view:—

- (a) to amend the Building Ordinance so as to invest the Building Authority with statutory powers enabling him to call upon the owners of buildings of the type mentioned in Question (d) to make adequate and ample provision for fire-escapes in such buildings, and to permit of their regular inspection by officers appointed by the Government;
- (b) to require that the main staircase of buildings designed for use as hostels, and groups of offices shall be built of fireproof material?

- (f) Will the Government consider the advisability of compelling holders of Hotel licences to fulfil the requirements set out in Question (d) and to install automatic electric fire-alarms, or other mechanical contrivances for effectively raising alarms upon an outbreak of fire, in their premises?

That 1927 Report

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the report of the Committee appointed to consider suggestions for the improvement of the fire-fighting organisation of the Colony, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council on May 27, 1927?

If steps have already been taken, what further steps does the Government propose to take?

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Hong Kong, 25th April, 1929.

LOCAL WEDDING

**POLICE OFFICER'S DAUGHTER
WEDS**

MAURICE-JONES—KENT

A wedding of much local inter-
est was solemnised yesterday
afternoon in St. John's Cathed-
ral, by the Very Rev. Dean A.
Swann, the contracting parties
being Miss Margaret Ada Kent,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Kent, of No. 86 Caine-road, and
Lieut. Kenneth Wyn Maurice-
Jones, D.S.O., R.A.

The bride's father is the well-
known and popular Assistant
Superintendent of Police, and
now acting Adjutant of the Police
Reserves.

The bride, who was given away
by her father, Mr. W. Kent, look-



Alvin T. Fuller, former Governor of
Massachusetts.

ed very charming in her pretty
bouffant gown of fine Honiton
lace over parchment satin, on
which was arranged a garland of
delicate velvet buds in pastel
shades, which effected a delicate
contrast to the magnificent crea-
tion.

The gown was devoid of any
other trimming save for a large
butterfly bow of satin which fell
to the ground at the back. The
stately folds of the hooped skirt
hid her ankles.

She wore a lovely tulle veil
edged with lover's knots sur-
mounted by a chaplet of orange
blossoms and white heather. A
rope of seed pearls and a sheaf
of arum lilies and maiden hair fern
completed one of the most
striking models yet worn in Hong
Kong.

The bridesmaids were the
Misses Patricia Hynes, Molly
George, Marian Vincent and
Patricia Chevalier. They were
dressed in bouffant gowns of
pervenche blue, pale gold, mauve,
and pink taffeta. The skirts
were finished with tulle which
touched the toes of their taffeta
slippers. The only trimming was
a taffeta bow which drooped to
the ground, from the neckline at
the back. On their hair were
bandeaux of tulle edged with
tiny taffeta buds.

The two bigger bridesmaids
carried sheafs of pale pink and
gold gladiolus finished with a big
tulle bow. The two smaller girls
carried Victorian posies of pink
African daisies and violet lark-
spur.

The bride's going away dress
was a striking sleeveless New
York model of coral pink geor-
gette embroidered with corn-
flower blue and cold silk under
a coat of the same material, the
edge of which was finished with
dainty picot edged jabots and
fastened at the waist with a blue-
buckle.

The ensemble was completed
by pearl beige shoes and stock-
ings and a black picture hat trim-
med with large velvet flowers to
tone.

The bride's mother wore a gown
of beige georgette over satin
with shoes and stockings to
match, and a large black crino-
line hat.

The duty of best man was
discharged by Lieut. E. H.
Walters, R.A. The groomsmen
were—Lieut. A. J. J. Graham,
Lieut. K. F. Herbage, and Mr.
L. H. C. Callthrop.

After the ceremony in the
Cathedral a reception was given
on the roof garden of the Hong
Kong Hotel, where a large num-
ber of friends gathered to offer
their felicitations.

The honeymoon will be spent at
Repulse Bay and in Manila.

CHAPEL BLAZE

**FOREIGNER OVERCOME BY
FUMES**

FORMERLY OF TSINGTAO

In a fire which gutted three
houses and damaged the top floors
of two others in Fortune-terrace,
off Dixwell-road, Shanghai, a Ger-
man named A. Willunder was
overcome by smoke and fumes as
he dashed back into one of the
houses to save some be-
longings, and died almost imme-
diately after he was rescued. Arti-
ficial respiration was tried with-
out success, and though he was
rushed to the General Hospital in
the Settlement rescue van, he was
found to be dead before he ar-
rived.

Fortune-terrace is situated
about 200 yards within Chinese
territory down an alleyway near
the corner of Dixwell-road and
Yangkapang-road. The blaze was
first sighted from the Settlement
fire towers at 1.10 a.m. and Hong-
Kew Station machines responded
to the alarm. On arriving at the
scene, they discovered one engine
from the Chapel Brigade trying to
cope with the outbreak, which at
that time involved three houses
and threatened to spread even
across the narrow road.

In response to a request from
the Chapel firemen, the Settle-
ment machines laid on and
within half an hour of
their arrival the fire was
under control. It was not, how-
ever, before it had spread to the
top storeys of two neighbouring
houses, and charred and dam-
aged the frontages of houses imme-
diately opposite. Settlement fire-
men had on several occasions to
turn jets on to the roofs of the
houses opposite, where dried
beams had begun to smoulder.

Bedding and Clothes Saved

Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Fortune-terrace
were gutted, and Nos. 6 and 7
badly damaged. Mr. and Mrs.
Willunder lived at No. 6, and had
ample opportunity to escape from
their house before the flames
reached it. From the story
gathered on the scene, it appears
that Mr. Willunder thought that
he could safely return to his
house, which was not then actual-
ly alight, and save some more
clothing from his bedroom. He
threw some bedding and clothes
out of the window and that was
the last that was seen of him.

Settlement firemen coming to
the rescue were informed of his
disappearance and one attached to
Hongkew Station entered the
house, which was by that time
filled with smoke and fumes. He
found Mr. Willunder upstairs in

his bedroom, lying beside the bed
unconscious. Some belongings
hastily gathered together were
heaped near him, but the smoke
was so thick in the chamber that
it was neither possible nor desir-
able to stay there long. The fire-
man dragged the unconscious Ger-
man outside, and carried him
down the stairs and into the
street.

His condition was then almost
hopeless. Being 52 years of age
and not of a strong physique, he
had evidently quickly succumbed
to the fumes. Every known
means of restoring consciousness
was tried, but without success,
and the asphyxiated man passed
away before expert medical atten-
tion could be given to him. Mrs.
Willunder and her young son
were prostrated by the occur-
rence.

Mr. Willunder had resided in
China many years. Before the
war he was proprietor of a res-
taurant in Tsingtao but recently
he has been working in a busi-
ness firm in Shanghai. An in-
quest was held in the
Public Mortuary by Judge
Kuh and Senior Consul's
Deputy Mr. Hasegawa, when a
verdict that deceased had been
choked with fumes while attempt-
ing to save his belongings in a
fire was returned.

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tremely interesting story are a pair
of boon companions, a hardened son
of the sea and a mere youth, who
join forces and engage in river
piracy, working always in the dead
of night and ever pursued by the
watchful harbour police. Victor
McLaglen, who will be remembered
for his wonderful characterisation
in the great war film, "What Price
Glory," again has a striking part to
play, this time as the redoubtable
"Sailor Frink," whose alarming ad-
ventures along the New York water-
front keep a never failing interest
throughout the story.

Others worthy of mention in the
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This story of modern pirates,

PRINCESS MARY

**LOYAL HELPER OF HER
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VISCOUNTESS' BIRTHDAY

London, April 24.

Thirty-two years ago on April
25 King George and Queen Mary
became the proud parents of
their first and only daughter,
Princess Mary.

To-day, as Viscountess Lascelles,
wife of one of the wealthiest men
in England, and mother of two
small sons, George and Gerald,
Princess Mary celebrates the
thirty-second anniversary of her
birthday.

Princess Mary sets an example
to all English wives and mothers,
for she spends the best part of
her time in the company of her
husband and children. She is in-
tensely interested in all things
connected with the home, and her
country residence, Goldborough
Hall, is a model for any house-
wife. She is always thinking of
improvements there, and recently
started on a thorough renova-
tion of the extensive gardens.

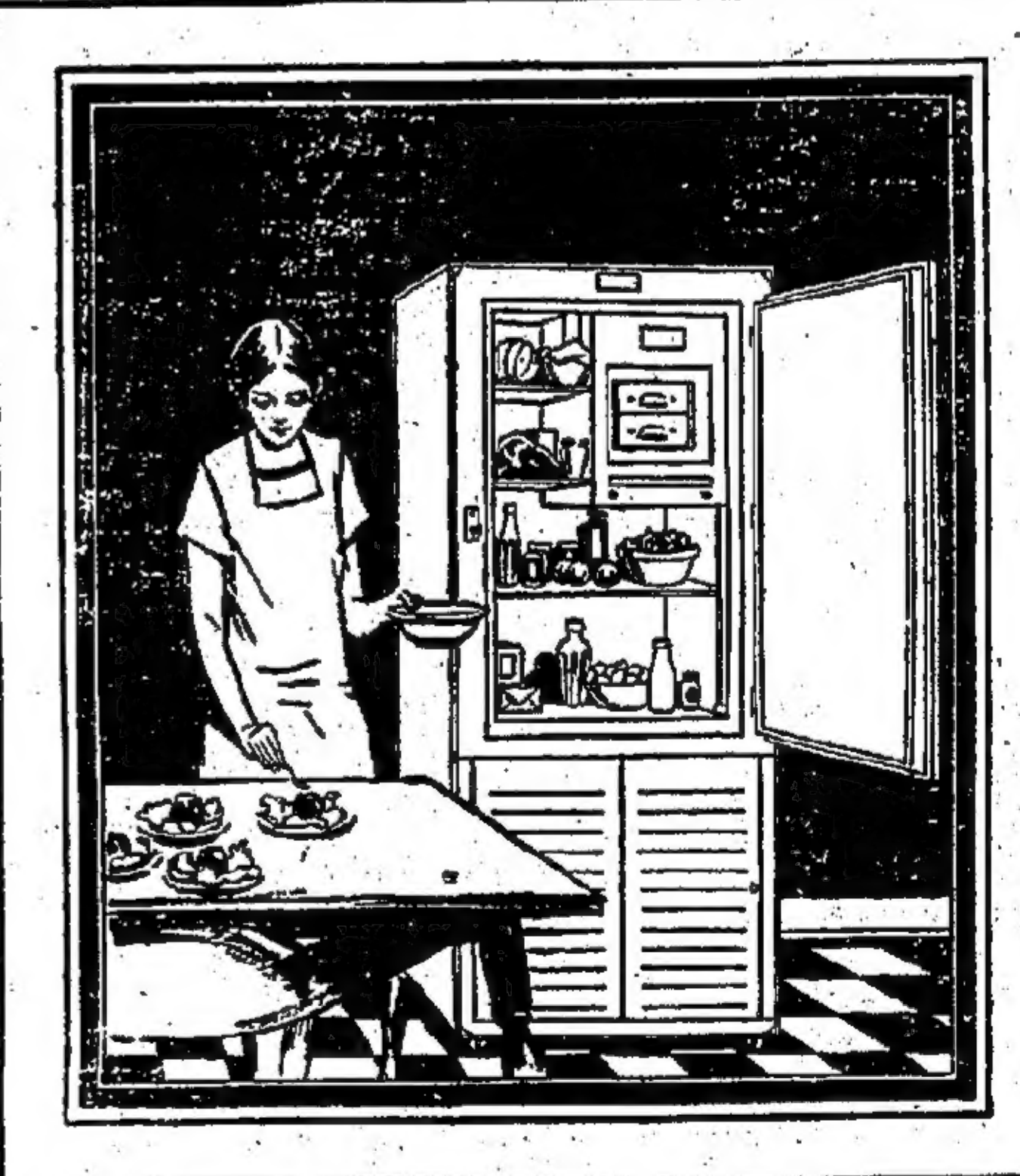
During the last six months or
so, however, the Princess has not
been able to give all her attention
to these domestic activities. The
illness of her father, King
George, in its early stages neces-
sitated repeated journeys to and
from London and Yorkshre.

When the King's condition grew
worse, Queen Mary felt and the
Princess was the first to agree,
that the latter's presence at Buck-
ingham Palace was advisable, if
only as a companion to her mother
who was put to great strain.

Repeatedly, throughout those
anxious months, mother and
daughter were seen out driving
for a brief hour's recreation be-
fore returning to the sick-room,
where, no doubt, the Princess
found her experience in nursing
useful in increasing the King's
comfort.

Since then she has more than
once visited Craigwell House,
Bognor, where the King is re-
gaining his strength. But soon
she will return to Goldborough
Hall once more to supervise per-
sonally the bringing up of her
two sons, both of whom are now
nearing the school-age.—United
Press.

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SUMATRA MARU	Saturday, 19th May.
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MEXICO MARU	Thursday, 2nd May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
SEATTLE MARU	Thursday, 2nd May.
KASADO MARU	Saturday, 18th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ARIZONA MARU	Tuesday, 7th May.
AFRICA MARU	Tuesday, 21st May.
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HIMALAYA MARU	Wednesday, 8th May.
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BAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 9th May 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAGUE MARU	Wednesday, 15th May.
JAPAN PORTS.	
BATANGA MARU	Sunday, 5th May.
ALTAI MARU	Wednesday, 15th May.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 5th May 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 12th May 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
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SHIP'S RUDDER

AN INNOVATION THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL

An innovation which may have valuable possibilities was resorted to by the owners of the s.s. "Silvermaple" in transmitting by wireless to New York sketches from the original plans of the ship's rudder in Great Britain, thus enabling the new rudder stock to be made there, effecting a saving estimated at about a week. The ship sent out signals of distress on January 28, when about 500 miles from New York, her destination, and 500 miles from Bermuda, her rudder stock having been fractured. The New York agents asked for the earliest date a new rudder stock made in England could be delivered at New York, where the ship was towed by American Coast Defence vessels. The new rudder stock was made at New York from the wireless plans, and was expected at Bermuda on February 9. The wireless in case of this accident to ships—when a vital fitting may be required—to both shippers and shipowners is obvious, as showing how valuable time can be saved.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 28 at 2 a.m.
The B. I. s.s. "Takliwa" will leave Amoy for this port on May 1 p.m., and is due here on May 2 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Nagapore" left Shanghai for this port on April 30 at 2 p.m., and is due here on May 4 at about 5 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Perim" left Singapore for this port on April 30 at 2 p.m., and is due here on May 5 at about 6 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlomond" left Middlebro, Dunkirk, Genoa, and Straits left Singapore for this port on April 30, and is due to arrive here on May 6.

The Dollar Line "President Van Buren" is scheduled to sail from Shanghai to-day, and will arrive at this port at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. This steamer will continue her voyage Round-the-World on Sunday, May 5 at 8 a.m.

The American Mail Line "President Jackson" will sail from Manila at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and will arrive at this port on Monday, May 6 at 7 a.m. She will sail on the following morning at 8 a.m. for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu.

The Dollar Line "President Taft" from San Francisco on April 12, is due to leave Kobe to-day, arriving at Shanghai on May 3 and leaving on May 4. This steamer is expected to arrive here in the afternoon of Monday, May 6, and will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

The American Mail Line "President McKinley" from Seattle on April 20, is due here on May 10.

The Bank Line s.s. "City of Delhi" leaves for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Romol" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 3.
Consignees of cargo ex C.S. "Rosandra" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 3.

MERSEY DOCKS

CONCESSION TO BRITISH COASTING TRADE

LIVERPOOL: A FREE PORT

The principal subject under discussion at the weekly meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, which was presided over by Mr. R. D. Holt, was the suggestion that some immediate relief should be allowed to the coasting trade, to alleviate the hardship flowing from the anticipation of the De-rating Bill's concessions to the railway companies. Several members of the Board took part in the subsequent discussion.

Mr. Hugh L. Roxburgh, chairman of the Finance Committee, moved the adoption of the following minute of the committee:—"The committee, having at this and previous meetings considered how best to utilize for the advantage of the trade of the port the relief from rates which the Board will obtain from the Government de-rating proposals, and being of opinion that some immediate relief should be allowed to the coasting trade, have resolved to recommend as from April 1, 1929, inclusive, and during the pleasure of the Board, that outward coastwise trade be not charged on any goods exported coastwise, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport."

Anticipated Saving
Mr. Roxburgh said that that reduction had been made possible by anticipating a proportion of the saving in local rates on the dock estate which as from October 1 next, would be brought about by the de-rating scheme in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament. That question had occupied the attention of members of the Finance Committee for some time; and in view of the Government having anti-dated the concession granted under the de-rating scheme to certain articles by anticipating a proportion of the saving in local rates on the dock estate which as from October 1 next, would be brought about by the de-rating scheme in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament. That question had occupied the attention of members of the Finance Committee for some time; and in view of the Government having anti-dated the concession granted under the de-rating scheme to certain articles by anticipating a proportion of the saving in local rates on the dock estate which as from October 1 next, would be brought about by the de-rating scheme in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament.

DON'T WASTE WATER!

ing scheme to certain articles carried by rail as from December 1 last, the committee thought they were justified in making such a recommendation, not only every shipper of goods coastwise from Liverpool, but also assist the coastal shipping services by an increased flow of trade. The committee felt that the concession which would be made to the coasting trade by the de-rating scheme would not only be of great value to manufacturers and traders, but would also act as a stimulus to the coastal trade generally.

Mr. Thomas Rome stated that although he knew that the Finance Committee approved generally of that proposition, he felt that in a matter of such importance, to sit silent and not give his reasons. He objected to the proposal for several reasons; firstly, that he regarded it more in the nature of a subsidy to the coasting trade, and secondly, that the amount they were proposing that day was comparatively small one, it would involve them in the future in about \$38,000 a year, and he thought that was a very large share for one trade to take of what was expected to get from the De-rating Bill; thirdly, they were offering to give away what they hoped to get, and he thought that was a wrong principle.

Main Objection
He thought October was time enough, when they would actually know what they were going to get, to consider what they should give away, but his main objection was that when they raised their rates they were giving away the rates they were both raised an equivalent percentage, and at the present moment Liverpool's biggest trade, the foreign trade, was labouring under an increase of 81.5 per cent. on the pre-war rates.

For the coasting trade and general goods, with some exceptions, there was an increase of 72.72 per cent. Some time ago the Board reduced rates on certain trades, for example, oil and rubber received 50 per cent. reduction of dues, wool 41.6 per cent., fuel oil 33.3 per cent., and cotton, wheat, Indian corn, and one or two other trades received about 15 per cent. reduction, and since then there had been a further general reduction of 5 per cent. The biggest and most important trade, that on which the port's wholly prosperity depended, the foreign trade, was suffering an increase of 81.5 per cent., and he thought that the members did not realize the effect that was having in the present bad times in preventing vessels going to Liverpool.

London Reductions
He knew quite well from business with which he was connected that while they never used to look into the question of dues before when loading a vessel homewards, they did so now, and vessels were going to other ports because of the heavy dues at Liverpool. They only had to consider some of their competing ports and they would see clearly that in recent years when Liverpool had high dues London had reduced its dues considerably.

Mr. H. R. Rathbone, supporting the Finance Committee's resolution, said he believed the fact that Liverpool was to be a free port as regarded exports coastwise would tend to bring trade back to the port which was now being distributed from Antwerp and Rotterdam. He quite agreed with Mr. Rome that it is very unfortunate that their dues were so much higher than those of other ports, but in view of the fact that in certain directions in the discharge of goods greater expenditure would be given in the future, and also that the coastwise business would be free from all dues, it was his opinion that a certain amount of trade from Antwerp and Rotterdam would come back to Liverpool. He hoped that when the improvement in trade—it was obviously about to come—took place foreign trade would get relief.

The Chairman said that before putting the resolution to the meeting he felt that he ought to offer some observations on the subject, as he was perhaps largely responsible for putting the proposal forward. The reason for bringing it forward now was, of course, because of the very serious predicament in which the coasting lines felt themselves to be. He would remind the Board that there was a very large and influential deputation from the Chamber of Shipping and the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association to the Dock and Harbour Authorities Association, requesting them to do everything they could to see that the coasting trade was assisted, out of the money which they were going to get from de-rating.

Leave Revenue Unimpaired
It was, therefore, quite certain that the shipowners engaged in the foreign trade desired that whatever benefits they would be entitled to should be concentrated on the coasting trade. That was made quite clear by the deputation. He could not agree with Mr. Rome that the reduction should be spread evenly over the whole trades, because obviously it was on such a small scale, and given in percentage reduction would not be appreciable. In his opinion, they wanted to give a reduction so far as they could, in such a form as would actually increase trade, and leave their revenue unimpaired. Mr. Rome had referred to the reduction on the dues of imports of rubber. The results appeared to have been that they had nearly trebled their importations of rubber, and nearly doubled their revenue from the reduction, so that the Board had not lost anything by the reduction, although they might describe it as a concession. Their revenue had increased, and he thought that should be in the minds of the Board when they were in the fortunate position of making reductions.

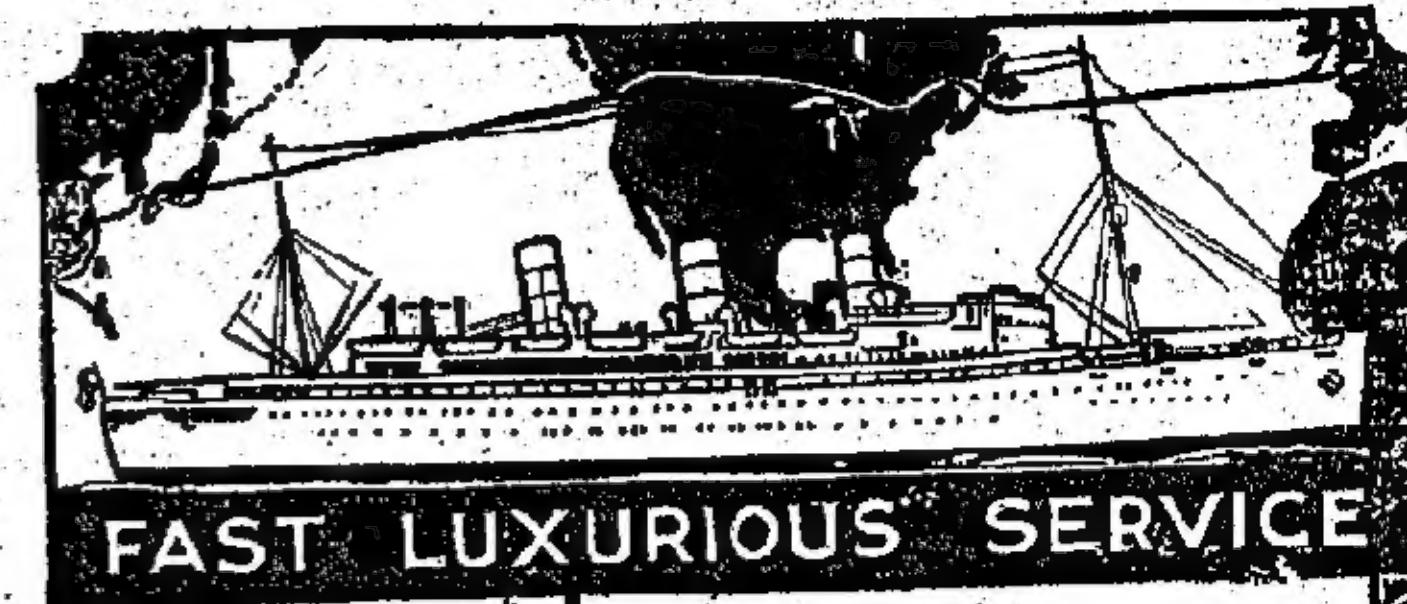
The coasting trade had been very badly hit as to certain articles by the de-rating concession to the railways, and they wanted to help the coasting trade, not in October, when it might be that the damage had been done, and their trade irretrievably lost, but now, so as to help them to meet that special competition. He understood that on cattle food, which was largely manufactured in Liverpool for the Bristol Channel, the railways had made a cut of some 25 per cent. on the dock and the Dock Board were giving the coasting trade 60 towards meeting that 2s. They were remitting the whole dues, and that was all they could give, but they hoped to give by enabling them to get larger cargoes for their steamer.

Increase Trade
It might be that, in the first instance, owing to the system of compounding, the reduction of dues would not immediately come to the owners of the coasting trade, but they were entitled to do so, in making quite certain that the reduction should go straight to the owners of those goods with the object of increasing their trade by distributing the goods which had been imported foreign, and recovering some of the distributing traffic which tended to go to Antwerp and Rotterdam, also to help Liverpool manufacturing industries, and increase the total amount of imports into the port.

As the dues outwards, coastwise, represented, roughly speaking, a quarter of the dues inwards, foreign, it would appear that if they could increase the distribution trade coastwise, not by diverting it from the railways or from other forms of transport, but by making it a real increase of trade, and could make that take place to the extent of 25 per cent., they would very much recover what they were giving away.

A Reasonable Risk
He thought that was a very reasonable risk for the Board to take in the interests of the trade of the port, and he was not without hope that they might find that they had lost very little. He very cordially supported the proposal, which, he hoped, would be accepted by all parties in the spirit it was given, and would result in a substantial increase in the total trade of the port.

Mr. Roxburgh thought it was only right to say that the recommendation came before the Board with the unanimous approval of the Finance Committee. With regard to the reduction of dues to which Mr. Rome had alluded, the steamer members on the Finance Committee supported that because they felt that they benefited just as much themselves. The point



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KALYAN	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MOREA	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*LAHORE	5,202	1st June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotter- dam & Hamburg.
DELTA	8,007	8th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*JEYPORE	5,318	15th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotter- dam & Hamburg.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,648	29th June	Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	6th July	Marseilles, London & Hull.

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TALMA	10,000	9th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHA	7,754	4th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	10th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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TANDA	6,956	21st May	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th July	
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug.	
TANDA	6,956	30th Aug.	

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*PERIM	7,648	6th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	7th	May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	10th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	13th	May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yhamas & Osaka.
		14th	May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*ROSSINGTON	—	21st	May	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yham.
*GURNA	5,248	22nd	May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	24th	May	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th	June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SANTHA	7,754	5th	June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yhamas & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	7th	June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ROSSINGTON	—	10th	June	
COURT	—	—	—	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	8,715	10th	June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
*ALIPORE	5,273	19th	June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TAKLIWA	7,230	19th	June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPUA	16,001	21st	June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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MARINE COURT

OFFENCE AGGRAVATED BY
CHINESE COXSAIN

IGNORANCE NO EXCUSE

"He has to pay more for aggravat-
ing the offence, in that when he was
told to clear, he did not," thus said
the Hon. Commander G. F.
Hole, at the Marine Court when he
had before him three Chinese
coxsains of the steam
launches, "Kam Sing," "Kwang
Yau" and "Sin Tung Fat"
respectively, who were charged with
obstructing the s.s. "Tilawa" by
bringing their cargo boats alongside
whilst the steamer was underway.

The first two accused pleaded
guilty, and fines of \$20 and \$10 were
imposed. There was one previous
conviction against the first man.
The third accused pleaded not
guilty. After evidence, his Worship
said that not only that the accused
had a previous conviction, but he
had also aggravated his offence by
refusing to clear when told to do so
by the master of the "Tilawa." He
imposed a fine of \$30.

Failed To Stop

Sanjio Yamamoto, coxswain of
the steam launch "Hime Maru," was
charged with failing to stop his ves-
sel when ordered to do so by police
officers, and also with failing to ex-
hibit the regulation lights whilst
the launch was underway. Accused
pleaded guilty and said that he did
not know the regulations of the
port, having been here only a month.
Saying that that was no excuse,
his Worship fined him \$30 on all
charges.

Three Masters

Three masters of cargo boats were
charged with obstruction at the
Government Pier at Yaumati Har-
bour. There was an additional
charge, against the third man for
failing to stop his craft when or-
dered to do so by police officers.

The first two accused were fined
\$5 each and the third man had to
pay \$15.

FAR EAST TOUR

TWO BIG NAVAL CRUISERS COMING

Paris, Yesterday.
The "Duquesne" and the "Tour-
ville," the two new 10,000-ton
French cruisers, will tour the Far
East late in the Summer. The
"Duquesne" will visit New Zea-
land, Australia, and Singapore.
Reuter.

"YELLOW LABOUR"

TRADE UNIONS PROTEST TO MOSCOW

Riga, Yesterday.
The Russian Trade Union rep-
resentatives have protested to
Moscow against the employment
of "cheap Yellow labour" as in-
consistent with the principles of
the proletarian dictatorship. The
protest is the sequel to the im-
portation of Chinese labour for
cotton fields at Ferghana and
Uzbek from Chinese Turkistan.
Reuter.

NO ELECTION

ONE NOMINATION FOR SANI- TARY BOARD VACANCY

There will be no election for the
vacancy on the Sanitary Board. The
nomination closed at one o'clock
this afternoon and the only nominee
was Mr. M. K. Lo.
Mr. Lo will therefore be duly
appointed to the Sanitary Board
unopposed.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been
obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting
Machine, which includes 40 compo-
nents for the better prediction of tides
from the result of the analysis of the
tidal observations, taken at the Kan-
lung tidal observatory under the
direction of Dr. Dohereck during the
years 1887, 1888 and 1889.
The times and heights are given for
Kau Lung; but they may be used for
the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen,
the differences being very small.
The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

April 26 to May 2, 1924.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
April	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 26	m 10 16	6.7
Sat. 27	m 0 21	6.8
Sun. 28	m 1 14	6.9
Mon. 29	m 2 06	7.0
Tues. 30	m 2 58	7.1
Wed. 1	m 3 50	7.2
Thurs. 2	m 4 42	7.3

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun. 5th May at 7 a.m.
Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	WAISHING	Wed. 8th May at 7 a.m.
Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun. 12th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUTSANG	Mon. 6th May at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Sun. 12th May at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues. 7th May at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Mon. 20th May at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed. 1st May at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINGSANG	Thurs. 9th May at 10 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Fri. 3rd May at 7 a.m.
Canton	HANGSANG	Wed. 1st May at 10 p.m.

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RESCUE TUG

(Continued from Page 1.)

machinery is about \$25,000 and the
estimated cost of the alterations
\$380,000 leaving a debit balance of
\$355,000.

As this tug, fitted with only a
single screw, is very difficult to man-
age in typhoon weather and cannot
be considered a success for the
purpose for which she was provided
and as the building cost in the first
instance was only \$250,000, I am
unable to recommend a further ex-
penditure of \$355,000 on her, for
which sum the sole gain would be
that of being able to get under
weigh at quarter of an hour's notice.
The only procedure that I could
recommend would be the selling of
the "Kausang" complete as she stands
at present and the building of a
new tug with twin screws.

Memorandum by G.M.S.

The memorandum from the Gov-
ernment Marine Surveyor (Mr.
William Russell) to the Harbour
Master reads:—

With reference to your minute of
the 7th inst.:—

(1) Conversion of "Kausang"
from steam single screw to
motor single screw is pos-
sible, but it is considered that
the cost of new machinery
and the structural alterations
necessary, would be prohibi-
tive.

(2) The estimated cost of the
change over would be ap-
proximately \$350,000 to
\$400,000 the lowest estimate
being as follows:—

Cost of motor main engine
(approximately) \$200,000
Cost of motor electric
auxiliary machinery (ap-
proximately) 90,000
Cost of motor structural
alterations involved (ap-
proximately) 90,000

Total \$380,000
Less estimated market value
of present machinery .. \$ 25,000

\$355,000
The probable structural altera-
tions involved would be as fol-
lows:—

- (1) Dispensing with the present
double bottom tank beneath
the engines.
- (2) Building new seating for the
Diesel engines, and stiffening
hull in way thereof.
- (3) Removing strong beam, and
stiffening elsewhere to com-
pensate for same.
- (4) Extensive alterations to the
present casings.
- (5) Removing and rebuilding
seatings for all auxiliary ma-
chinery.
- (6) Fitting new shaft and thrust
stocks.

The trim and stability of the ves-
sel would not be greatly affected,
the Diesel engines weighing ap-
proximately 20 per cent. less than
steam engines, it being possible to
ballast the vessel to compensate for
this.

Estimates of the total cost of
making the conversion have been
called for and the cost is estimated
at about \$370,000.

These are of course only approxi-
mate, but serve to indicate the
probable expense involved should the
change over be decided upon.

The engagement is announced of
Patricia, elder daughter of Capt.
C. T. Wallington, O.B.E., Royal
Army Ordnance Corps, and Mrs.
Wallington, to Richard Yarworth
Frost, Asiatic Petroleum Co., second
son of Mr. B. L. Frost, formerly of
the Eastern Extension Telegraph
Co., Hong Kong, and the late Mrs.
Frost.

The vernacular press records that
a vessel belonging to the Kiu
Hsin Fah S. N. Co. was pirated
recently near Chinkow, Shantung,
and a large quantity of cargo
carried off. Four of the crew who
resisted were shot and seriously
wounded and the captain was
carried off for \$5,000 ransom.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION
COMPANY.

The Chartered Steamship,

"ROSANDRA"

arrived from Trieste and ports on
the 27th April, 1929, and in con-
sequence of fire on board whilst en
route to the Far East, consignees of
cargo are hereby notified that a Gen-
eral Average has been declared. It
is, therefore, necessary for the Aver-
age Bond to be signed, and a
deposit of 25 per cent. paid on the
market value of the goods on arrival.
All goods are being landed at con-
signees' risk into the non-hazardous,
hazardous &/or extra hazardous go-
downs of the Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. at Kow-
loon, whence delivery may be obtain-
ed.

All damaged cargo will be ex-
amined by Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the godown, and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 3rd May, 1929, will be subject
to rent.

No fire Insurance has been effect-
ed.
Bills of Lading will be countersign-
ed by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th April, 1929.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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COMPANY.

The Motor Vessel,

"ROMOLO"

arrived from Trieste and ports on
the 27th April, 1929, and in con-
sequence of fire on board whilst lead-
ing to Trieste, consignees of
cargo are hereby notified that a Gen-
eral Average has been declared. It
is, therefore, necessary for the Aver-
age Bond to be signed, and a
deposit of 2 per cent. paid on the
market value of the goods on arrival.
All goods are being landed at con-
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Pres. Jefferson Sun. May 26 6 p.m.

Pres. Cleveland Sun. June 6 6 p.m.

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BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA

Looking to the bitter experience of this Colony of the effects of the Bolshevik propaganda in South China during the Borodin regime it is to be hoped that a careful note will be taken of the news published elsewhere in this issue of the "China Mail" from Cairo. A superficial glance at some of the head lines and editorial comments in certain papers published in this Colony in regard to the British trade delegation to Russia appear to indicate that the Soviet has what might be termed a "sympathetic" Press in Hong Kong. Not that that will, of course, make the slightest difference in the trade councils of London or Moscow, but it seems so easy to forget both Borodin in Canton and the Arcos raid in London. Now the Egyptian authorities have unmasked a serious attempt by the Soviet to establish a centre of Bolshevik propaganda in Egypt under the cloak of an agency called the Textile Imports, Limited, which the Soviet was allowed to establish two years ago in Alexandria to purchase cotton. It has now been abundantly proved that the main object of the cotton agency was the promotion of Bolshevism, the result being that the manager has left at the request of the Egyptian Government and another notorious Communist has been deported.

The clamour for a revival of trade relations with the Soviet may sound well on the surface, as may likewise the optimistic figures of the wealth that will eventually flow in to the pockets of British merchants! But it is to be remembered always that

Soviet Russia never does anything, commercially no less than politically, without an ulterior motive behind it. Flattering receptions to British trade delegations may sound very fine—as fine as the news of a couple of years ago when it was proclaimed that Russia was to be a buyer on a mammoth scale of Egyptian cotton. But it must be only a question of time before the Bolsheviks are unmasked and the "trade" cloak is found to be a myth. Those even in this Colony who apparently would find a veritable joy in proclaiming the virtues of a Brito-Russian trade entente should not be permitted to forget the lessons of the past few years in every centre where the Bolsheviks have attempted to gain either political or commercial sway. To the latter all that matters is the creation of "Red" cells of activity, direct or indirect, with the sole object of creating revolution against ordered government.

The signs of the times either in South China or further North are none too favourable for it to be said with any degree of assurance that the experiences of Canton a few years ago shall never be repeated. That is all the greater reason for Kwangtung—and Hong Kong in a lesser degree—being prepared for the undermining influences of the insidious Bolshevik foe. As the Cairo cablegram discloses, the Egyptian Government has been caught napping. Other Governments much nearer to us may well be caught in a similar trap and be unaware of it until infinite mischief has been caused. Therefore is the need always present in South China for incessant propaganda to counter that of the wily Bolshevik.

"MAY DAY"—AGITATORS

From telegrams of yesterday and to-day it is evident that the "Reds" of Moscow are as determined as ever to stir up trouble wherever they possibly can. The news from Germany points to widespread disturbances engineered almost entirely by Communists, obviously acting under the orders of and financed by their Moscow "comrades." They started early in Germany, with the result that before May Day had come round there had been collisions and casualties among the "Reds," the Republicans and the Fascists, while the authorities, whose posters banning May Day demonstrations were defaced by the "Reds," frankly admitted that they were considerably perturbed by what was happening.

In France the Minister of the Interior has been taking time by the forelock and has adopted what are described as "drastic precautions." He has had 25 foreigners arrested. Evidently they are of a ruddy "Red" variety and include a notorious individual named Bessaloff, President of the Lyons Union for the Repatriation of Russians. Hardly necessary to say that Mr. Bessaloff is closely in touch with the Moscowites. He was a member of the Third Internationale, who had been sent to Paris "to direct foreign Communist agitation." Davilleux, secretary of the extremist Trade Union Confederation, is also among the arrested in France. He was "instructed" by his Party to "lie low" until May Day, but apparently the authorities caught him napping. It is somewhat amusing to read that the "Reds" in Latvia have been rather too tardy for their fiery comrades of Russia, who threaten "to discontinue to finance them" unless they demonstrate on "May Day."

The Lithuanian Government has also been bestirring themselves and, besides forbidding demonstrations, have wisely closed down all Socialist organisations. So far, nothing is said of May Day meetings in "Merrie England." They probably will be held, but as they are invariably of an innocuous nature the authorities very properly regard them as more of a joke than anything else.

So-called "solid" matter—the bricks of our homes, the sidewalks we walk on, in fact, even the tissues of our bodies, may consist ultimately of waves, or vibrations. Such is one of the startling conclusions that might be drawn from experiments at the Bell laboratories. The experiments indicate that electrons—some of the important parts of the atoms of matter—may really be waves.—"Nickerbocker Press," New York.

DON'T WASTE
WATER!

Mr. Archibald Ritchie, chartered accountant, has been admitted a partner in the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

The half yearly general meeting of voting members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club is advertised to take place in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on Friday, May 17, at 5.10 p.m.

Mr. W. W. Hirst, manager of the Steam Laundry Co., and a member of the General Committee of the K.C.C. and Convenor of the House of Committee, left the Colony yesterday afternoon on home leave.

It is advertised that the fifth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of China Underwriters, Ltd., will be held in the board room of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, on Thursday, May 9, at noon.

Ordinary general meetings of shareholders in the Union Insurance Co. of Canton, Ltd., the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., will be held on May 24, details being advertised elsewhere in this issue.

The Medical Officer's weekly return contains two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one American imported and one Chinese), one of enteric fever (British) and one of diphtheria (Chinese). There was one death from cerebro-spinal fever and one from diphtheria. Yesterday's return showed one Chinese case of enteric fever.

The weekly return showed a further decline for last week in the number of small-pox cases. Only eleven were reported as against 16 the previous week. Nine of these came from Victoria and two from Kowloon. Ten were Chinese (two imported) and one Japanese. The deaths numbered 15. Yesterday, two more Chinese cases were reported from the Victoria district.

A charge of robbery was preferred against two Chinese by Inspector Fallon at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith. It was alleged that a woman and her husband rented a cubicle on March 18 from a Chinese doctor at No. 60, Lai-chikok-road. A few days later, the woman left the house at night, and did not return. The following morning several Chinese came to visit the husband. They were closed in the room for some time, and then suddenly appeared with revolvers and daggers. They intimidated the inmates and ransacked the premises. The case was adjourned.

Sentence of two weeks' hard labour by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., yesterday, on a Chinese employee of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., who was charged at the instance of Mr. A. G. Jeffreys with the theft of a quantity of lead.

The residence of Mr. F. H. Loseby, No. 3, Nathan-road, Kowloon, was entered on Monday night by a burglar, who forced open a drawer of a dressing table and stole a pair of gold cuff links and \$30 in cash. The same burglar is believed to have afterwards entered the house of Captain A. Corbally, of the Somerset Light Infantry, No. 9, Nathan-road, and there stolen a travelling clock and \$2 in cash.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday, three Chinese were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, with the unlawful possession of two daggers in an unnumbered hut at So-uk village, Sheung-sha-wan. The charge was withdrawn against two of the accused. The other man claimed that the daggers were left behind by a marine hawk who used to lodge with him. His Worship decided that there was some doubt about the case and dismissed it.

Mr. K. A. Carstensen, of the staff of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., left the Colony to-day on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia." He is proceeding to Denmark via Canada on home leave on the expiration of which he does not expect to be stationed again in Hong Kong, although he will return to the Far East at the end of the summer. Last evening he was the recipient at the Kowloon Cricket Club of a silver cigarette box as a parting gift subscribed for by a number of members.

MUSICAL COMEDY

BANVARDS PRODUCE "LIDO LADY"

MISS WYLMOTT SCORES
Last night the Banvard Musical Comedy delighted the audience at the Theatre Royal with their lively and effective performance of this popular musical comedy. Miss Gaye Jukes, as "Fay Blake," sang very prettily, and looked charming, while her acting and dancing were graceful and vivacious. The songs "Here in my arms" and "It all depends on you" were particularly pleasing.

As the popularity-hunting film-star, Miss Cherry Wylmott had full scope for her vivid personality; she was deliciously gamine in her looks and movements and her duet with the Jack Desmonde as "Harry Bassett" ("A Cozy Flat in Soho") called forth especially enthusiastic applause.

Humour was provided in abundance by Mr. Desmonde, Mr. Angus Strong and Mr. Edgar Stanmore.

All the other members gave excellent support. The dancing in the second act was exceedingly good and calls for special mention, while the dresses and stage management left nothing to be desired. The only flaw in the performance was that the voices were not always perfectly in tune, but this very trying climate may be blamed perhaps.

Those who have not yet seen this Company's productions should book quickly for the final performance to-night, for those who know what a pleasant evening is provided will surely want to go again.

SANITARY BOARD

DR. S. C. HO WILL NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

KOWLOON TONG MARKET

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, and others present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, O.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, Dr. S. C. Ho, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and T. N. Chau.

Mr. Smith mentioned the appointment of Mr. T. N. Chau, Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. W. V. M. Koch, to be members of the respective Standing Committees. The Chairman then said that he understood Dr. Ho had announced his intention of not standing for re-election to the Sanitary Board when his term expired in a few weeks' time.

Reference was also made to the Kowloon Tong market, and the Chairman intimated that he had not as yet seen the papers and thought that the matter could be deferred to next meeting. Mr. Braga agreed.

Parson: Why do you go to Sunday School, Nellie?
Nellie (aged 10): To see Tom Jones.

K.O.S.B. CORPORAL

SERIOUS CHARGES AT COURT MARTIAL

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Corporal Charles Hendry, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute during 1928, is accused at a District Court Martial sitting at Scandal Point, on fifteen counts of converting moneys paid to the P.R.I. to his own use. The total amount of money involved in the various charges was \$1,300.

The Court Martial was constituted as follows:—

President: Major Todd, 3/15th Punjab Regiment, and Capt. Gage-Brown, 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry, and Lieut. Vivian, Royal Artillery.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy was the Judge Advocate. Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the prosecutor (Capt. P. Perfect, K.O.S.B.), whilst the accused was represented by Mr. D. L. Strellett.

Allegations of Prosecution
Outlining the case for the prosecution, yesterday, Mr. Wadson said that accused went to the President of the Institute, at that time Major Lake, and asked for a cheque for \$30.57 to pay a bill which had been incurred for cleaning materials. Major Lake gave him the cheque and there would be evidence that it was cashed. In the case of another charge, when Major Ogilvie was President, a cheque came in from the Machine Gun Company and in due course was taken by the Corporal to the Major for endorsement. The cheque never found its way to the bank.

"Series of Frauds"
Dealing with book entries, counsel alleged that false entries had been made to cover up certain omissions. One or two entries might be mistakes, but when there were many cases it ceased to be a coincidence and became a series of frauds.

Bank's Evidence

Mr. J. L. Ashworth, sub-accountant of the Chartered Bank, questioned by Mr. Wadson about a number of cheques forming the subject of the charges against the accused, said that to the best of his belief he was satisfied that the signatures and the endorsements on the cheques were in order. Of the 14 cheques concerned in the case, all were bearer cheques. Four were crossed, but payable to bearer. No endorsement was necessary on any of the cheques. He would cash any regularly drawn cheque for anybody, provided it was not crossed.

Captain McLellan, Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Co., K.O.S.B., produced the Company's books for 1928 and the receipts. No payments were made by his Company on account of By-Products.

Given 14 cheques to examine, he said that all with the exception of two were shown in the extracts of account he produced. There were also no receipts for these two cheques. In regard to another cheque for \$115.86 he held a receipt for it. This cheque was dated October 28, 1928, and the receipt was attached to it.

Capt. G. R. Abbott and Capt. S. T. C. Wright, Commanding Headquarters Wing and "C" Company, respectively, who both also took over command of their respective Companies in February, gave similar evidence as to the Company accounts they kept in the course of their ordinary military duties.

Capt. Abbott said that during 1928 his Company paid \$3,150.27 in cheques to P.R.I., whilst Capt. Wright said that the total of "C" Company's payment to P.R.I. during 1928 was \$1,689.72.

Hadji Ali Mohamed, proprietor of Gulam Nahi and Son, regimental tailor (2nd K.O.S.B.) said that he paid to P.R.I. \$100 per month rebate according to contract, and also rent and electric bill. These last items were variable. Last year the accused was the P.R.I. clerk up to November, and witness had always received his bills from the clerk or was told verbally by the latter how much he had to pay.

Witness produced his books and went into details.

The case is continuing in the afternoon.

COMING TREAT

CONCERT FOR SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME

A concert is being arranged under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern at the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on Saturday, May 11, in aid of the funds of the Home. The leading vocalists in the Colony have promised to assist, and a real treat is promised. Admission will be one dollar, with fifty cents for Service men, but reserved seats may be booked at three dollars each.

Our readers are asked to keep this date free and thus assist in a very laudable cause.

"EN PASSANT"

China To-day—Some Views and Reviews

[By C.L.C.]

A Leader Wanted

The war-clouds have once more gathered over China. They did not, however, come as a surprise to those who had kept themselves in touch with current politics. No serious-minded man could have failed to observe that very difficult days were ahead of China, and if one may be permitted to make a forecast, there are many more such days to overcome before China can truly be said to be at peace, not only with the world, but with herself as well.

What China needs is a leader—not a man who is willing to shoulder an enormous burden of responsibility—but one who must be permitted to make decisions, to have the faculty of inspiring those about him, and, above all, to be a figure upon which the nation can fix its eyes.

Marshal Li Chai-sum

Marshal Li Chai-sum is just that man. During his short regime, many changes for the better have manifested themselves in Canton—changes which were too apparent to the outside world to need enumeration here.

After having found such a leader, the next thing for China to do was to clip the wings of petty war-lords and political agitators; there ought to have been no more quibbling over affairs of the provinces; they should have concentrated on the rehabilitation of the country. Alas! this could not be. China could not purge herself of the evils of these trouble-mongers, hence the position she is in now, and if Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is the patriot he claims himself to be, he would do more to restore peace and order for his motherland by calling a halt.

The present trouble cannot rightly be called "internal." It is an "internecine" warfare in which China is bound to come out second best in the long run.

Let us now review the situation.

The Nanking Government

After the Nanking Government came into being, it fully expected great things from the first Kuomintang Conference. What did it achieve after all? The dogs of war were once again set loose. The citizens are incensed. They are dead against further fighting, and Chiang Kai-shek and his party are flying in the teeth of a rising public opinion.

What are, then, the fundamental issues affecting the internal and world-wide position of China? Before a Government can be built in China, the first and foremost task is to free the country from its present system which for some time approached that of anarchy. The second problem is that of internal organisation. The freedom of individuals must be guaranteed, irrespective of party politics or anything else.

Viewed from the present muddled state of affairs in China, one is bound to say that the whole task is beset with all the difficulties of which one can think. The danger, however, is not in the magnitude of the task.

Save Me From My Friends!

China has every right to call out "Save me from my friends." It is these friends—petty war-lords and politicians who think only of their own gains—that China has to fear most. They are the persons who prevent the restoration of peace and hinder the progress of the country.

China must not slip from the clutches of one political power into another, for this is a short cut to anarchy. She should build up a government which will give peace, freedom and justice to all her subjects as well as to those who live under her roof.

Unless this happy state of affairs comes to pass, China cannot hope to abolish the so-called unequal treaties. In fact it will be unwise for her to demand it.

Extraterritorial Rights

Although America has been actively considering the question of foregoing her extraterritorial rights in China, she will not act prematurely. The legal deficiencies in China which were brought out at the findings of the Extraterritorial Commissioner in 1925 cannot be so quickly overlooked.

The United States, as well as other Powers who are enjoying extraterritorial rights would, however, expect that China should afford every protection to their citizens, to their property and rights.

Can China truly and honestly say that such protection would be given? One has only to read the newspapers published in Shanghai that China is not yet in the position to give that protection.

Provisional Court Farce

Since the Shanghai Mixed Court was handed back to the Chinese two years ago, conditions in the Court have been scandalous. Abuses are of daily occurrence. A summary of the abuses daily to be encountered given by the "Shanghai Times" read as follows:—

1st.—Foreign cases are delayed for months. Judgments in foreign cases were most difficult to secure and to enforce.

2nd.—The present Appeal Court at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs is unsatisfactory in every way. Cases on appeal are delayed for months and are then usually referred back to the Shanghai Provisional Court for re-trial.

3rd.—Chinese are illegally arrested in the Settlement for political offences and are handed over to the military or other Chinese authorities, without a prima facie case being proved.

4th.—Attempts have been made to confiscate and/or assume control of private property within the International Settlement by the Chinese authorities without due process of law, vide the Sheng Kung Pao Estate and China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

5.—Constant interference on the part of higher Chinese officials, guilds and individuals with the decisions of the Court is customary.

6th.—That frequent changes of Chinese Authorities in power, results in frequent changes in Judges. It was no doubt agreed at the Washington Conference "That China should be given a free hand to organise herself on lines of her own choosing." One cannot imagine that this wanton disregard of law and justice was meant for her choosing.

Drastic Reform Needed

A drastic reform is therefore needed if China is to take her place in the family of nations. The surest way for a nation to enlarge its life and promote its own success is to be linked up with others who are meeting or have met similar problems. As individuals and as members of nations, people are inter-dependent. It is not healthy to emphasise unduly the boundaries of country or race.

This is the kind of thing which leads to insularism and to an unprogressive spirit, which will prevent China from taking the place she demands in the family of nations, and, unless changed, will keep her among the backward nations.

SAILOR'S FATE

FUNERAL OF ABLE SEAMAN MILLARD

FULL NAVAL HONOURS

The funeral of Able Seaman T. M. Millard, of H.M.S. "Marazion," whose tragic death was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, with full honours, last evening, the Rev. H. W. Arscott of H.M.S. "Titania" officiating at the graveside.

The coffin, which was draped in a Union Jack, was borne on a gun carriage drawn by ratings from H.M.S. "Titania" and Submarines, while preceding the carriage were the Royal Marines Band and a firing party from H.M.S. "Cornwall."

Behind the gun-carriage walked ratings from H.M.S. "Marazion" and former comrades of A.B. Millard. Among the officers present were Comdr. S. Four and Comdr. Stanley of H.M.S. "Marazion."

Wreaths were sent by the Ship's Company, Captain and Officers, No. 1 Mess, No. 2 Mess, His Mess-mates, and Kwong Wo and Canteen Staff, of H.M.S. "Marazion;" Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Titania;" Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. "Titania" and Fourth Submarine Flotilla; Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Sepoy;" and Comdr. A. Lockhart.

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TREASURY v. BANK

FURTHER EVIDENCE TAKEN IN SUPREME COURT

"NOT OBLIGATORY"

The case between the Colonial Treasury and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation over three disputed cheques drawn for a total of \$260,407.93 was carried one stage further at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan.

Appearing for the Bank is Mr. R. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon are

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appearing for the Treasury on the instruction of Mr. T. M. Hazell, solicitor for the Treasury. A special jury was empanelled.

In connection with the three disputed cheques, Carvalho Yeo, formerly a clerk at the Treasury is now serving ten years' imprisonment. He was alleged to have forged and converted the cheques to his own use.

Mr. Jenkin continued his cross-examination of the Hon. Mr. McI Messer who said that he did not regard himself as under obligation to the Bank to make any communication in case of a cheque getting lost. He would, however, as a matter of courtesy let the Bank know.

Mr. Messer went on to say that the relations between the Bank and the Treasury had been most friendly. Tsang On-wing was transferred to the Treasury in 1920 from the Imports and Exports Office.

The case is proceeding.

DAIRY FARM SACKS

EIGHT COOLIES CHARGED WITH STEALING THEM

Eight coolies appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing 28 sacks belonging to the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam.

One of the accused said that they took the sacks to cover themselves from the rain.

Owing to insufficient evidence the accused were discharged, but one was fined \$5 or 10 days in jail for driving a motor truck without a licence.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on FRIDAY, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th MAY to 24th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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REMINDER.

CABARET ENTERTAINMENT

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Notice is hereby given that Mr. ARCHIBALD RITCHIE, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hong Kong business as from 1st January, 1929. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Accountants.

1st May, 1929.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Lots		Boundary Measurements		Area in Acres		Annual Rental		Upset Price	
No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
As per sale plan.		17,000		130		\$500		\$500	

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No. of Lots		Boundary Measurements		Area in Acres		Annual Rental		Upset Price	
No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 218, Near Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
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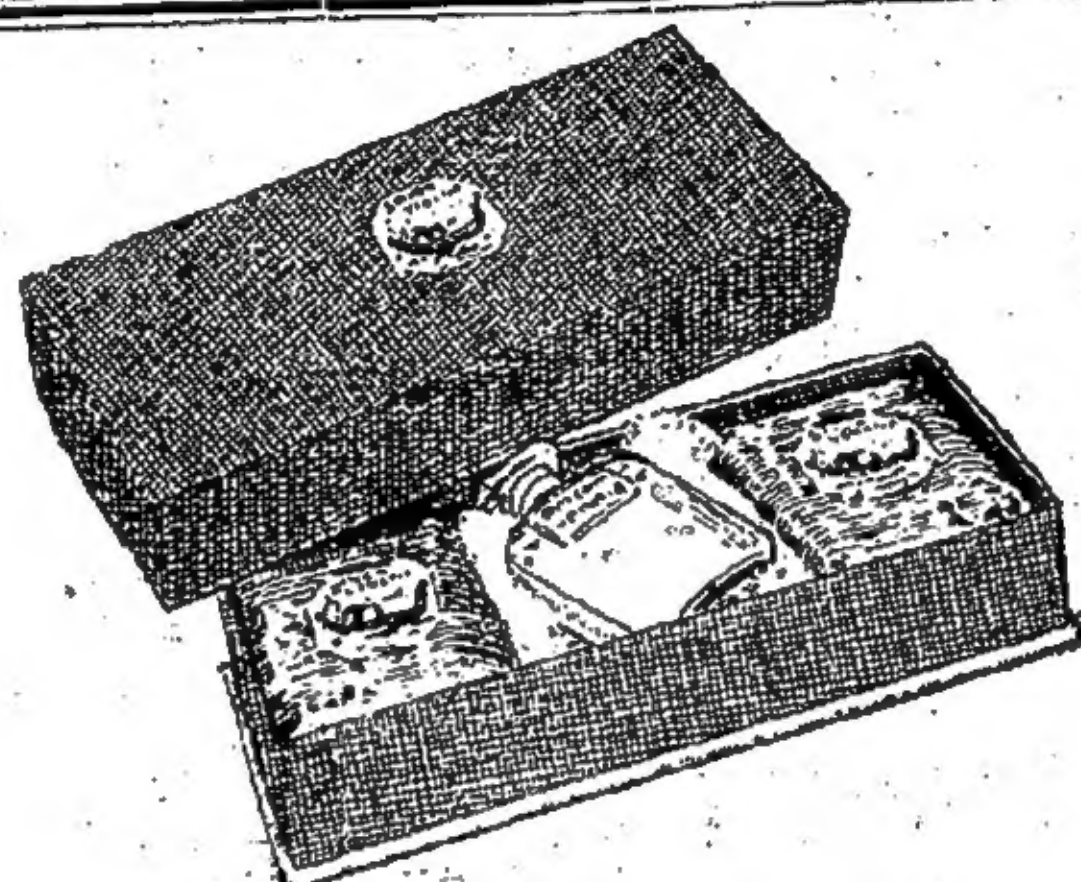
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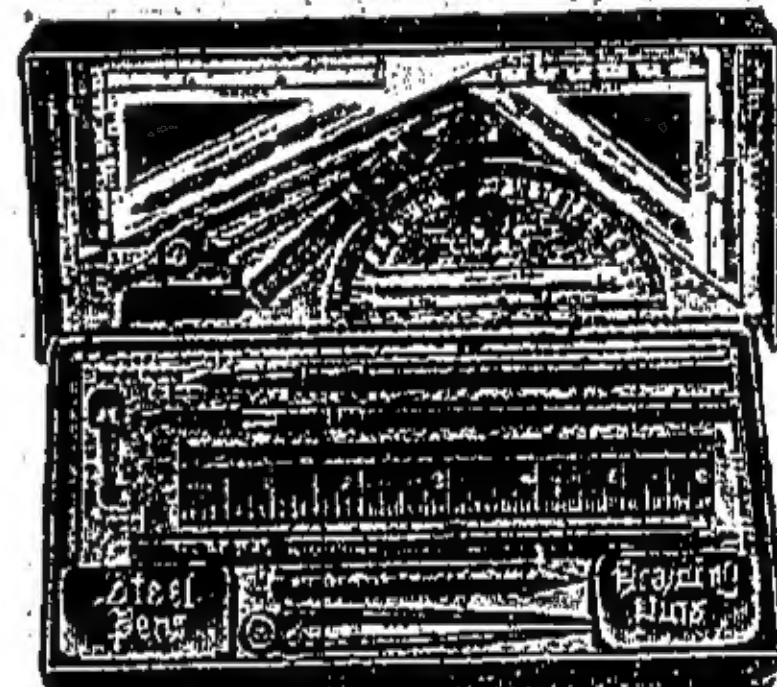
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HOME FOOTBALL

BRADFORD CITY HEAD NORTHERN SECTION

AN "AWAY" WIN

London, Yesterday. In the Northern Section of the third Division to-day Bradford City enhanced their prospects of the championship by defeating Rochdale, on the latter's ground, by three goals to one.—Reuter.

Division III (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford City	41	26	9	6	125	42	61
Stockport	41	27	6	8	108	56	60
Wrexham	41	21	10	10	90	71	52
Dorchester	40	20	9	11	73	62	49
Wigan	40	20	8	12	79	47	48
Lincoln	41	21	6	14	90	66	48
Carlisle	42	19	8	15	86	77	46
Tranmere	41	21	3	17	75	77	45
S. Shields	41	18	8	15	82	71	44
Crewe	41	19	8	16	77	67	42
Chesterfield	41	18	5	18	71	74	41
Halifax	41	15	12	16	61	59	38
N. Brighton	41	15	8	18	63	70	38
Southport	41	15	8	18	73	84	38
Nelson	41	17	4	20	73	86	36
Rotherham	41	14	9	18	55	77	37
Rochdale	41	13	10	18	70	91	36
Accrington	41	13	7	21	64	78	33
Darlington	42	13	7	22	64	88	33
Barrow	41	10	8	23	62	90	28
Hartlepool	42	10	6	26	59	112	24
Ashington	42	8	7	27	45	115	23

LOCAL FOOTBALL

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Football Association Council last night, the Chairman indicated that \$787.88 had been donated to the Miners' Fund, this amount, it was agreed, should be taken from the Inter-port account.

It was decided to hold the annual general meeting on June 28.

Those present were Mr. R. Hall (Chairman), Mr. W. E. Hollands (Secretary), Mr. G. T. May (Treasurer), Messrs. Lee, J. Black, F. Smith, R. Ormiston, Lieut. George, Commander Bryon, and another naval representative.

ACQUITTED

CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

HIS STORY BELIEVED

Wong Kam-sing, the constable of the Hawkers' Department of the Police, who is charged with receiving bribes from hawkers was discharged by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, this morning.

The defendant swore that he had not been concerned with the "Squeeze Ring."

His Worship decided to believe his story, remarking that in any case he could not convict the accused on evidence given by persons who had been his accomplices, as the witnesses in their own evidence showed themselves to be.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton was for the defence.

FOR EAST BY AIR

SEQUEL TO FRANCE AND INDO-CHINA FLIGHT

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Paris, Yesterday. At a dinner in honour of Bailey and Reginald, the Air Minister, M. Laurent Ey Nao, declared that the flight gave useful indications for the establishment of a regular air service between France and Indo-China. He added that this year French airmen would undertake trial flights between Rangoon and Indo-China and that soon the Far East air line would enter upon service. The project was now being discussed by the Chamber of Deputies.—Havas.

The death occurred at Rapallo, Italy on February 22 of Mr. Ian Crawford Findlay, formerly of Kelantan.

M. LENGLEN DEAD

ONE OF THE EARLY TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS

M. Lenglen, the father of Suzanne, died recently at Nice, which was his home. M. Charles Lenglen was among the early French enthusiasts for lawn tennis and a first class judge of the game. It may be said that he educated his daughter to be champion.

Although the story of his training her to place a ball on a two-framed piece on the other side of the net is a myth, there is no doubt that she owed much to his coaching as well as to his advice on her career in general. He lived at one time in Passy, Paris, and it was in the garden of his house that in June, 1910, he gave the eleven-year-old Suzanne her first lesson.



Gertrude Ederle, whose hearing has been affected as the result of her Channel swimming.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

ENTERTAINMENTS

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Iron Mask." To-day — World Theatre; "London After Midnight." To-day — Star Theatre; "Let Women Alone." To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Spring Fever." To-day — Grand Italian opera "Lucia di Lammermoor" at Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

Land Sale May 6—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Prince Edward, 3.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions May 2—Sales Room, Duddell-st., valuable household and blackwood furniture, 3.30 p.m.

May 3—At 324 Kowloon—Long, valuable household furniture, blackwood and fine silver ware, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Sports

May 3—S.C. Command Inter-unit contest, Sookumpoo Valley.

May 4—Seventh Annual Athletic sports meeting of Cheung Chau Govt. School.

Meetings May 7—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Helena May Institute, 5.15 p.m.

May 9—Meeting of China Underwriters Ltd., Messrs. Shewan Tomes board room, noon.

May 10—Further meeting of United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co.'s offices, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous

May 2—Bridge party at Tai Koo Club in aid of H.K.W.G. & M.C.L.

May 10—At Volunteer Headquarters, Annual Corps smoking concert, dinner and distribution of Corps trophies and musketry prizes.

FIGHT OVER WATER

COOLIES CAUTIONED BY THE MAGISTRATE

STREET AFFAIR

Said to have been the result of a quarrel over water in Western-street, where a water tank has been erected by the Government, three Chinese of the coolie class were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of

DON'T WASTE WATER!

assault and misbehaviour in public.

His Worship enquired if there had been any injury sustained by any of the parties.

Inspector Bloor answered in the negative.

The quarrel had, the prosecution officer said, been over water.

The three coolies were employed to carry water and had squabbled over a bucket.

Inspector Bloor said, in answer to the Magistrate, that he did not wish to press the charge.

In view of this the accused were cautioned by the Magistrate against recurrence of the trouble.

THANKS TO "AUDAX"

APPRECIATIVE LETTER FROM THE KING

TRIBUTE TO HOSPITALS

London, Yesterday. The following letter has been addressed by Lord Stamfordham, the King's Private Secretary to "Audax," the donor of the gift of 100,000 guineas to the "Thank-offering for the King's recovery:

"Dear Audax,—The proposal to express your gratitude for the King's recovery in the noble and generous manner indicated in your letter is welcomed with feelings of deep appreciation by His Majesty. One hundred thousand guineas will indeed find a splendid nucleus to the appeal made by the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London and the King knows by experience that the whole amount of this thank-offering will be wisely and effectively administered by the council.

For almost 30 years His Majesty has taken the deepest interest in the fund, of which he was President for some nine years and he emphasises what hospitals of London owe to its admirable work and administration. Moreover, owing to his long and serious illness the King recognises his debt of gratitude to doctors, surgeons, and nurses and that it is in the great hospitals that both medical science has developed and the nursing profession has been trained to its present standard of excellence.—British Wireless Service.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

CONVENTION AMENDMENT APPEAL TO WOMEN

TRADE UNION MANIFESTO

Washington, Yesterday. In connection with the Eight-Hour Day Convention, the amendment of the Trade Union law manifesto, especially appeals to women and promising to deal with maternal mortality and legal, social and economic anomalies affecting women and children, also to apply the principle of equal treatment for men and women.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN AGITATORS

FOUR REMANDED ON MURDER CHARGE

Lahore, Yesterday. Sukher and three others, who were arrested in connection with the discovery of a bomb factory, have been remanded on a charge of murdering Assistant Police Superintendent Saunders last December and also head constable Chaman Singh.—Reuter.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/11 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/11 7/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	1/11 5/8
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/11 5/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Commodity 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1212 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1287 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	1287 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	47 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	48
On Bombay—	
Wire	130 3/4
On demand	130 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	130 3/4
On demand	130 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	84 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	95 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	79
10 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	105
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.90
Silver (per oz.)	25 3/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	—
Kong	3% Prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents	6% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	33 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.15 1/2
New York	4.85 5/16
Brussels	34.94
Geneva	25.19 1/2
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.62 1/2
Berlin	20.66 1/2
Stockholm	18.16 1/2
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.55 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	198
Madrid	38.80 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	575
Bucharest	818
Rio	5 57/64
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/5 7/8
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 7/32
Silver Spot & Forward	25 3/16
British Wireless Service.	—

A FRIEND'S COAT?

CHINESE EX-ARMY OFFICER CONVICTED

UNTRUTHFUL STORY

Wong Yuen-tak, an ex-officer in the Chinese Army at Hankow, who is charged with the theft of a jacket, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on remand at the Central Magistracy, this morning.

Sergeant Clemo stated that a visit had been paid to the Yunnanese Association, where it was found that accused was known only to one man from whom he had tried to borrow \$2 to enable him to return to the country.

His Worship said that in view of the circumstances, he would convict accused, and impose a sentence of three weeks' hard labour.

BOGUS LETTER

\$30 WANTED FOR HUSBAND IN CANTON

A Chinese was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempting to obtain \$30 by false pretences.

It was alleged that he had presented a note to a woman which

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T.T. on Shanghai

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Bank of East Asia \$90 1/2 n

Insurance

Canton Insurance \$695 b

Union Insurance \$354 b

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North China Insurance \$1160 b

Yangtze Insurance \$850 n

China Underwriters \$2.20 b 2.30 s

China Fire Insurance \$295 b

H.K. Fire Insurance \$765 b

Shipping

Douglases \$36 s

H.K. Steamboats \$26 1/2 b

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$2.40 n

Indo-China (Pref.) \$40 n

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Shell Transports (new) \$22 n

Mining

Benguets \$2 1/2 b

Kailan Mining Ad. \$66/3 n

Langkats (comb.) \$14 n

Langkats (singles) \$7 1/2 n

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Shanghai Loans \$4 1/2 n

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Ducks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

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Hongkows \$178 n

New Engineering \$15.80 b

Shanghai Docks \$127 n

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Oriental Cottons \$12 b

Shanghai Cottons (old) \$12 s

Shanghai Cottons (new) \$13 n

Lands, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels \$8.60 b

H.K. Lands \$61 1/2 n

Shanghai Lands \$148 n

Humphreys' Estates \$14.35 n

H.K. Realities \$8.35 n

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$18.55 s 18 1/2 sa

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Singapore Pref. \$27 1/2 s

Industrials

China Sugars \$1 n

Malayan Sugars \$27 b

Canton Ices \$1.80 b

Cements (comb.) \$8.60 s

Cements (old) \$7.80 n

Cements (new) \$14.40 n

H.K. Ropes (old) \$6 1/2 n

H.K. Ropes (new) \$5 b

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sociation, Ltd.)
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port.
8 p.m.—Evening programme.
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"Shepherd's Hey."
"Molly on the Shore."
Royal Opera Orchestra.
Covent Garden.

"Sombre Woods."
"Down Here."
Bass, Manuel Hemingway.
"The Song Is Ended."
"Just A Memory."
Vocal, Duet, Winnie Melville
& Derek Oldham.

"So This Is Spring."
"Cuckoo."
Humorous, Leslie Sarnoy.

"My Old Shako."
"Cloze Props."
Bass, Harry Dearth.

"So We'll Go on No More A-
Roving."
"Love, Could I Only Tell Thee."
Tenor, Derek Oldham.

"Good News."
"Funny Face." Selection.
Victor Arden—Phil Ohman &
Their Orchestra with male chorus.

"Southern Melodies Waltz—No. 1,
& 2."
Walter Kolomek's Honoluluans.
"Etude in E flat Major—Op. 10,
No. 11."
"Etude in C sharp minor—Op. 10,
No. 4."
"Etude in F Major—Op. 25, No. 3."
"Etude in A flat Major—Op. 10, No.
10."

Pianoforte Solo,
Benno Moisevitich.

"La Boheme."
Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
"Rustle of Spring."
"Bees' Wedding."
Pianoforte Solo, Irene Scharrer.

"Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark."
"Swiss Echo Song."
Soprano, Marion Talley.

"Zampa." Overture.
The Band of H.M. Coldstream
Guards.

"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6."
Pianoforte Solo, Mischa Levitzki.
"Angels Guard Thee."
"Murmuring Breezes."
Tenor, Leonard Gowings.

"Clowns In Clover." Selection.
The New Mayfair Orch.
"The Old Superb."
"Homeward Bound."
Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson.

"Sonata In C Minor, Op. 13."
Pianoforte Solo, Frederic Lamond.
"Andantino In D Flat."
"Traumerei."
Organ Solo, Edward H. Lemare.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

G.B.S.' LATEST

MAKES OFFER OF HIS
HEAD

A "TEST" CASE

Mr. George Bernard Shaw is will-
ing to have his head cut off, accord-
ing to a letter he is reported to
have written to a Berlin friend,
who wrote asking him for his
opinion on some experiments by
the Russian Professor Brautchenko
on living dogs.

The professor claims that he cut
off the head of a dog and kept it
alive for three hours by a process
of pumping to keep the blood
circulating through the brain. Mr.
Shaw considers these experiments
to be very interesting, but he is
opposed to trials being made on a
criminal, whose life, he says, is not
worth being prolonged in such a
way. The experiment, he contin-
ues, ought to be made on a man
of science—for instance, on one
who is suffering from a growth in
the stomach. By the adoption of
the professor's method the scient-
ist's brain could be freed from the
effect of the growth in the body,
the blood circulation being arti-
ficially maintained. Thus the man
could continue to give lectures,
make speeches, and give advice
without being hampered by the
affliction of the body.

"I am quite willing," Mr. Shaw
says, "to have my own head cut
off so that I can continue to dictate
my books, etc., without being
troubled by sickness or by the
necessity of dressing or eating, and
have nothing else to do but to pro-
duce works of dramatic art and
literature. I, of course, expect
that one or two of the vivisec-
tionists will try the experiment
first on themselves and convince me
of its practicability. I think, how-
ever, that that won't present any
difficulty. A university, for in-
stance, with a professorial body of
the most clever brains to the
country with nothing attached to
them but pumping stations and
where the teaching is exclusively
brain work would mean an enor-
mous step forward compared with
to-day's state of affairs."

CABINET STORY

THE MINISTER AND
CRICKET

LAST-WICKET STANDS

Mr. Baldwin was among the mem-
bers of I. Zingari who were enter-
tained at dinner at the Mansion
House recently by the Lord Mayor
(Sir Kynaston Studd). In the course
of his speech the Prime Minister
said:—

I remember that one day we were
having a particularly dreary Cabinet
meeting, and we got through the
business with expedition until the
last item on the agenda. The
colleagues got hold of it and
examined it fore and aft. They
talked and talked for over an hour.

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and Willie Bridgeman passed me
a note on which he had written:
"I do dislike these last-wicket
stand."

Worldwide Phrases

A peculiarity of cricket (he pro-
ceeded) was that it had given to
the world the phrases "That is
cricket" or "That is not cricket."
One could not define what cricket
was, as one could not define a
gentleman, but one knew it, as one
knew a gentleman when one met a
gentleman. They could not define
what was cricket or what was not
cricket, but they knew it. Men
never said: "Oh, come, that is not
golf, or lawn tennis, or marbles,
or anything else." Nor, if he were
to come out with his programme
and state that he would cure un-
employment in six months, would
anyone pat him on the back and
say: "You cannot say that; that
is not politics."

Mr. Baldwin drew an amusing
picture of village cricket as he
knew it in his youth. He said
there were players in billycock hats,
and some of them supported their
black trousers with horse girths.
He belonged to cricket circles where
no one played for his average—
because they could not do it. Those
present had played no far greater
grounds than he, but they had
played many a match without seeing
a man fall down through hitting
too hard or sending his bat over
the umpire's head. They had
seldom seen two fielders collide in
their eagerness to get a ball, and
one of them carried off the field.

They had seldom played with what
was called a back-stop. Yet that
village cricket was played in the
same spirit as that of I. Zingari.
It would be a sad day for England
when that cricket, which so many
of them took part in their early
days, passed away.

"Played The Game"

Mr. Baldwin added that in the
general strike he visited a news-
paper office which was still running
in those dark days. One of the
compositors said: "You do not
remember me," and he said, "I do
not." The compositor said: "I
remember you, and when you were
about seven years old, and I was
13, we chalked a wicket on your
coachman's cottage wall at home,
and I bowled to you." That fellow
knew how to play the game, and
he played through some of the
darkest days that came to the
country.

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Commis-
sioner of Police, and Mrs. Barrett
left Shanghai in the "Empress of
France" on long leave. As the
Customs Jetty shortly after 8 a.m.,
a parade of police drawn up on four
sides, and commanded by Insp.
Stubblings, awaited the arrival of
their departing chief. As Capt.
Barrett walked on to the Jetty, the
party came to attention and were
saluted by Capt. Barrett. A large
number of friends came to the
waterfront to bid them good-bye, all
the Assistant Commissioners of
Police being present. Capt. R. M. J.
Martin is now Acting Commissioner
of Police.

FRENCH HISTORY

THREE PERIODS DEPICTED IN
"THE IRON MASK"

SHOWING AT QUEEN'S

Three periods of French history
are represented in Douglas Fair-
banks' new United Artists Picture,
"The Iron Mask," which is now
showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The story opens in the France
of 1638, with Louis XIII on the
throne, and the newborn heir in his
cradle. D'Artagnan and the
three musketeers, Athos, Porthos,
and Aramis engage in the advan-
tures, intrigues and loves of their
youth. The weakling king and
his splendid court are in the zenith
of their glory, and Richelieu is
supreme in his power. D'Artag-
nan, young and carefree, wields
his sword in defence of his king,
and pursues his love affair with
the little seamstress, Constance.

Tragedy ends this gay epoch;
Athos, Porthos and Aramis are
banished to the far corners of
France by the Cardinal. D'Artag-
nan remains alone in Paris, bereft
of the companion swords of his
loyal friends.

The next scenes are laid in 1643,
five years later. The powerful
Richelieu is dying, depriving
France of one of her most devoted
leaders. The king maintains the
pomp and glory of a throne which
sways with the loss of its strongest
prop, the Cardinal. The little
Dauphin is the centre of the hopes
of the country and is being trained
in all the arts of princehood.

D'Artagnan, elevated from the
ranks of the musketeers to the post
of personal guard of the heir to the
throne retains the gallantry of his
gay youth with the added dig-
nity which time and responsibility
have brought him. It is to
D'Artagnan that the dying
Richelieu bequeaths the care and
training of the little Dauphin.

Intrigues of Conspirators
Twenty years pass between the
death of the Cardinal and the open-
ing of the third period of the
story. Beneath the peasantry
and pomp of the court of 1663, the
intrigues of de Rochefort and his
conspirators flourish unhampered
by the departed Richelieu. King
Louis XIII is dead, and the young
Louis occupies his father's throne.

D'Artagnan, now a captain of the
guards, is the constant com-
panion of the boy king. His hair
is gray, and his features are
chiselled with a new dignity and
austerity, but the same unquench-
able ardour lies in his face and
eyes. This period brings the re-
union of the four musketeers.
Athos lays aside his books, Porthos
relinquishes his feasting and
Aramis deserts his church to join
D'Artagnan in the defence of king
and country. The valiant quar-
tette are older in years but not in
spirit.

The authenticity of the modes,
manners and settings of the three
periods was assured by the per-
sonal supervision of M. Maurice
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seventeenth century.

Mr. Fairbanks again plays
D'Artagnan, as he did in "The
Three Musketeers," of which "The
Iron Mask" is a sequel.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for May (Standard time of
the 120th Meridian, East of Green-
wich), are as follow:—

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1	5.51	6.50
2	5.51	6.51
3	5.50	6.51
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5	5.49	6.52
6	5.48	6.52
7	5.48	6.53
8	5.47	6.53
9	5.47	6.53
10	5.46	6.54
11	5.46	6.54
12	5.45	6.55
13	5.45	6.55
14	5.44	6.55
15	5.43	6.56
16	5.43	6.56
17	5.42	6.56
18	5.42	6.57
19	5.42	6.57
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.59
22	5.41	6.59
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26	5.40	7.01
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SNAPPY STYLE!

I'LL BET IT'S AN
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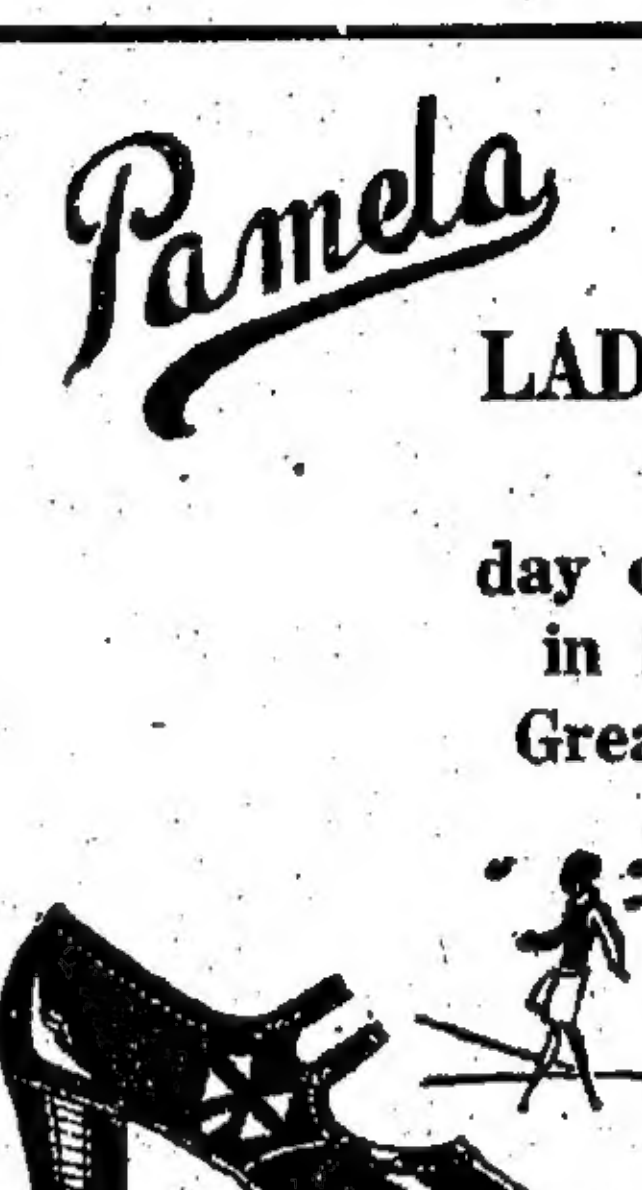


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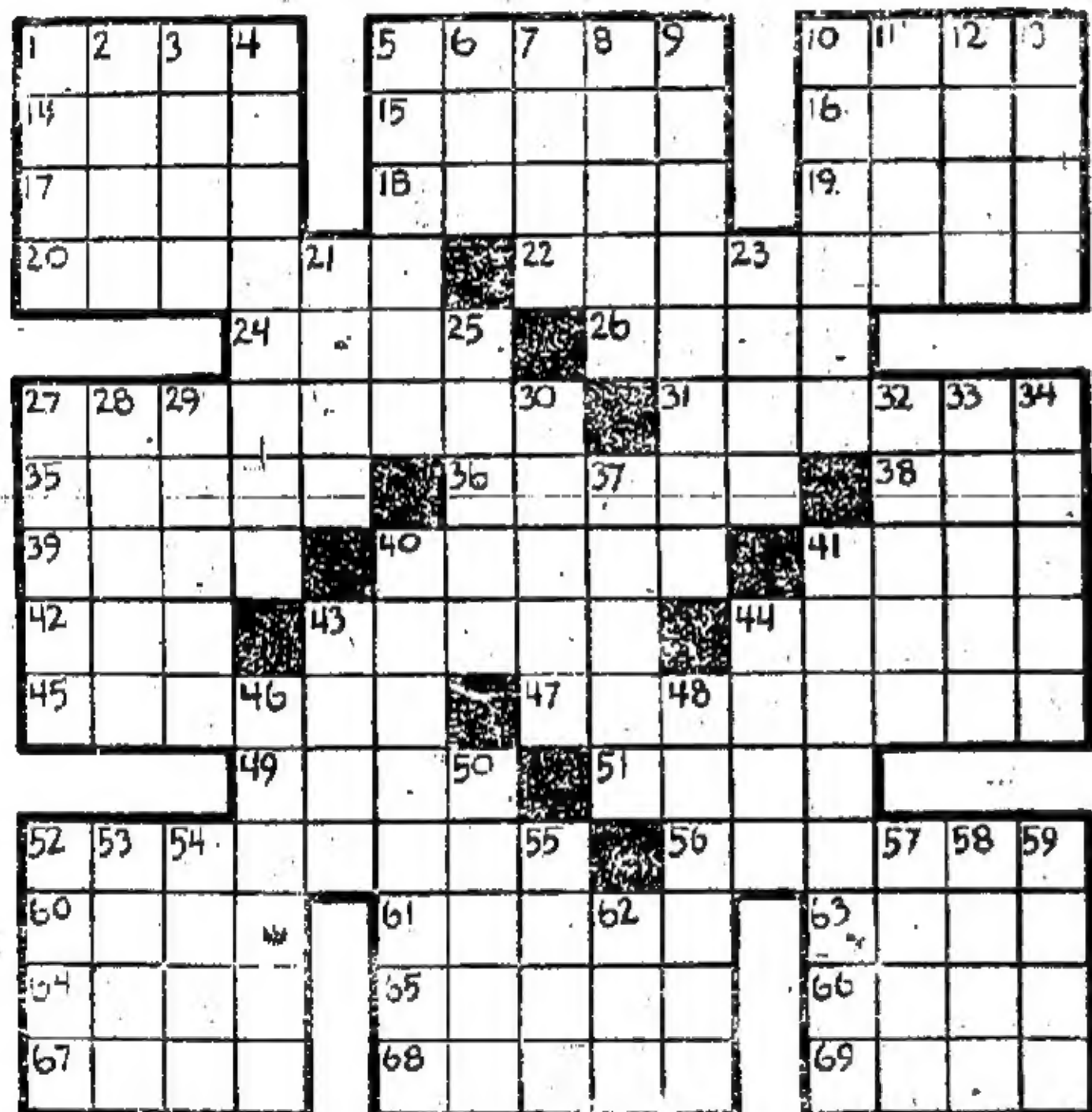
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and witho.)



HORIZONTAL

1- Was in debt
5- Valley
10- High score in auction bridge
14- Citrus fruit
15- Glorify
16- Large book
17- Voluble
18- Happen at a stated interval
19- Crack aviators
20- Places of worship
22- Reproductions
24- Bound
25- Always
27- One who carresses
31- Introduce into
35- Spotless
36- Rests
38- By way of
39- Direct
40- Ringing sound
41- Declined gradually
42- Chewed and swallowed
43- Scattered
44- Swamp grass
45- Smaller
47- Title of address for married woman
49- Golf mounds
51- Cages

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

55- Musical dramas
58- A noose
61- Perform once more
63- Baseball team
64- Trunk of a tree
65- Foolish
66- Piece of timber
67- Small industrious insects
68- French name for Lydia, in Asia Minor
69- Stitches

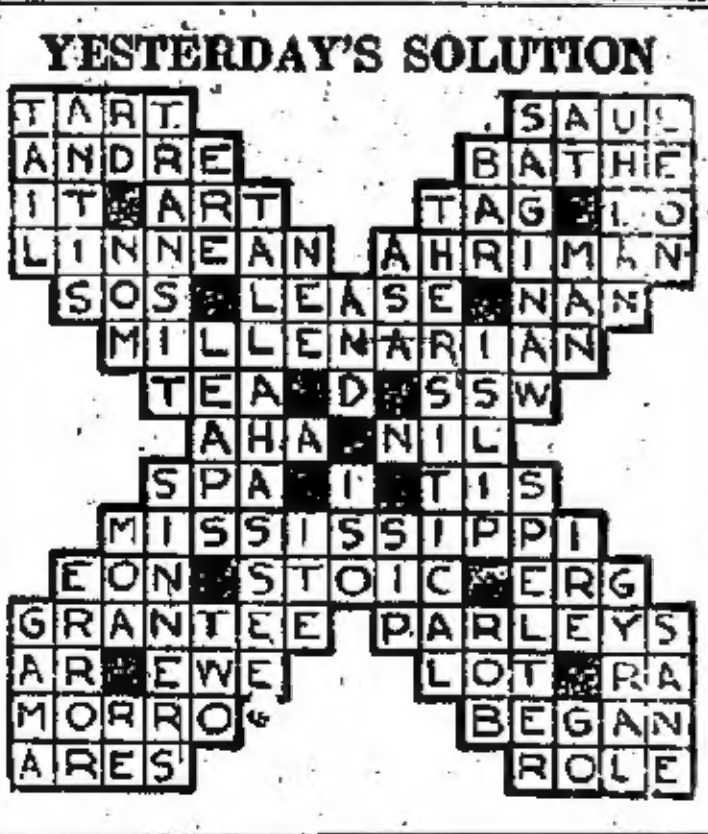
VERTICAL

1- Russian feminine name
2- Testament
3- Put forth
4- Those who argue
5- Stanzas
6- Cutting tool
7- Woven fabric
8- Shun
9- Endeavoring
10- Steps
11- Poisonous weed
12- So be it
13- Eat together
15- Ascend

VERTICAL (Cont.)

23- Highest numbered playing cards in ordinary deck
25- Feminine name
27- Intrigue
28- Old name for "nitrogen"
29- Tricks
30- Kingdom
32- Elude
33- Small hoops
34- Captures
37- Grotesque gesture
40- Pertaining to the brain
41- Reptiles
43- Consider
44- Intercept
46- Compresses made of flannel
48- Pacific
50- Seggy
52- Exile home of Napoleon
53- Midway
54- Young horse
55- Hostile incursion
57- To laugh (French)
58- Over again
59- Escorts
62- Companion of the star of India (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



According to the "Osaka Mainichi," Cupid's gospel of love as preached to the ears of winsome Miss Metta Louise Orr by Mr. Rogers C. Tredwell, has scored a hit, and as a result the happy couple were married on April 23 at the American Embassy in Tokyo. The parties to the happy romance are persons well-known in their respective fields. Miss Orr was a former Broadway star who figured in the gypular musical comedy "No, No, Nanette" while Mr. Tredwell is no less a person than the American Consul-General at Hong Kong. The setting for Cupid's work occurred in Hong Kong while Miss Orr, a passenger on the Hamburg-America world cruiser, "Resolute," was floating in the bay off Hong Kong. Miss Orr met Mr. Tredwell on March 29 when she presented to him a letter

DISQUIETING?

FENG'S RELATIONS WITH
NANKING

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Hankow, Yesterday.
Hsueh Tu-pih has returned to Honan in order to report to General Feng Yu-shiang the result of his interview with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

So far as can be ascertained, cordial relations continue on the surface, but a disquieting note is struck by the statement of a priest arriving from Sian, to the effect that the roads from Tungkwan to Sian are crowded with Kuominchun troops withdrawing from Honan and Shantung.—Reuter.

A Japanese Opinion

Tokyo, Yesterday.
In spite of the sudden withdrawal of General Feng Yu-shiang's troops, official circles appear confident that no further postponement of the Japanese evacuation of Shantung will be necessary.

The War Office spokesman expresses the opinion that the "Christian General's" action may be beneficial for the preservation of peace, as the danger of friction arising from divided authority is now removed, as Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops henceforth will alone be responsible.—Reuter.

MARSHAL CHIANG

RETURNS TO NANKING
ON GUNBOAT

Nanking, Yesterday.
Mr. T. V. Soong returned from Hankow yesterday evening.

A Hankow message says Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by Admiral Chen Shao-kuan, went to Nanking on a gunboat yesterday evening.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC POST

JAPAN'S FIRST MINISTER TO
CANADA

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Mr. Iyemasa Tokugawa, a former Councillor to the Japanese Embassy in London, and a grandson of the last of the Tokugawa Shoguns, has been appointed Japan's first Minister to Canada.—Reuter.

The Moth aeroplane "Spirit of Amoy," piloted by Capt. Chen Wen-lin, director of the Amoy Aeronautical Bureau, was expected in Canton according to a telegram received locally, and was due at the Hungjao Aerodrome last Saturday.

Not a little unrest exists among the Chinese employees of foreign furniture shops in Shanghai. They are agitating for an increase in pay and a reduction of working hours.

THEIR POLITICS

HOW THEY DO THINGS
IN BURMA

MESSRS. PYU AND NET

The following sketch appeared in the "Rangoon Gazette":

Your honour wishes a report on the election prospects. Of the two rival candidates, Mr. Pyu is a fine Home Ruler, and Mr. Net, champion of the Non-co-operators. Mr. Net is the richer man and should tip the poll. Metal tokens will be given to the voters, as usual, instead of ballot papers, which they cannot read. In the heat and burden of the last election some 200 or 300 of these tokens were lost, and Mr. Pyu's agents can lay their hands on them; it is well known that after the elections the clerk in charge of the tokens bought very cheap a motor car belonging to Mr. Pyu's auntie. On the other hand, Mr. Net's agents will be generous at the polls with voters who like surren-

DON'T WASTE WATER!

dering their tokens better than placing them in the Home Rule ballot boxes. Your honour will further remember that Mr. Net was very handsome when he entertained his friends at the Pagoda festival recently.

But, however, Mr. Pyu is more clever, and being a local man has relatives in most of the Government offices in this District. Mr. Net's efforts to prevent these being employed in the polling booths have been only partly successful. Also, about 50 or 60 electors have died or left the District since the rolls were prepared, and unknown friends of Mr. Pyu are ready to act as substitutes. All will not pass the official eye, but a good proportion should do so.

At the open air mass meeting Mr. Net spoke well of his distrust of the British Government, and hotly challenged the electioneering of his opponent. Mr. Pyu also held a meeting in the Bioscope, and expended the greater part of his speech to deplore the trickeries of his rival, and exposing the tyrannical methods of the British rule. No one was badly injured, but there was a good deal of row and excitement at both meetings. So later, Mr. Net interviewed Mr. Jones, the Deputy Commissioner, and showed him that it was the duty of District Officers to see fair play at the polling and frustrate all tricks. I am told that Mr. Pyu also interviewed the D.C. with the same object. Nevertheless the candidates are on good terms with each other, and always give cross-words of wishing when they meet.

The voting will be very close.

TEMPERANCE

ALCOHOL AND BUSINESS
EFFICIENCY

"OVER A CUP OF COFFEE"

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman H. M. Miller) and Dr. James Black, of Edinburgh were the principal speakers at a luncheon of the members of the Liverpool branch of the National Commercial Temperance League, which was held recently. Mr. Louis B. Phillips, the president, in the chair, said they wanted to promote the interests of temperance, especially in the minds and lives of their commercial classes. He thought the greatest encouragement they had was that at the next election they had the votes and the voice of women, and their opinion was bound to operate on the side of temperance.

The Lord Mayor, remarking that he had been a total abstainer for over forty years, said there was such a thing as bigotry, attempting to force people to agree with them. He could not for the life of him see why a man should not have, if he chose, an occasional glass of beer. He thought it was going too far to interfere with personal liberty.

Dr. Black said they had reason for congratulation in the temperance cause, for an amazing change had taken place. The number of teashops in Glasgow astonished any visitor. Formerly all trade bargains were practically made over the publican's counter. He did not know whether it was the habit in Liverpool, but in Glasgow at eleven o'clock in the morning the business men made their bargains over a cup of coffee. People in this country were talking about prohibition, but he would not advise prohibition at the present day.

He thought it was a curse that people went to America and said prohibition was a failure. It was not. The great body of the American people were going to stick by prohibition for ever. (Hear, hear.) What they had to do was to lay stress on education. They could not get a bill on the Statute Book apart from public opinion, and they had to leave public opinion and get together some practical results. He supposed all temperance opinion was more or less in favour of Sunday closing, and that would enable them all to come together on one practicable point.

Mr. Net is rather rich, and Mr. Pyu is very clever. But all know that the successful candidate will never hold his seat on the Council, since each party has already in its possession enough evidence of bribery and malpractice to unseat the winner by means of an election petition. This thought is causing some worry to both sides; but the people do not mind.

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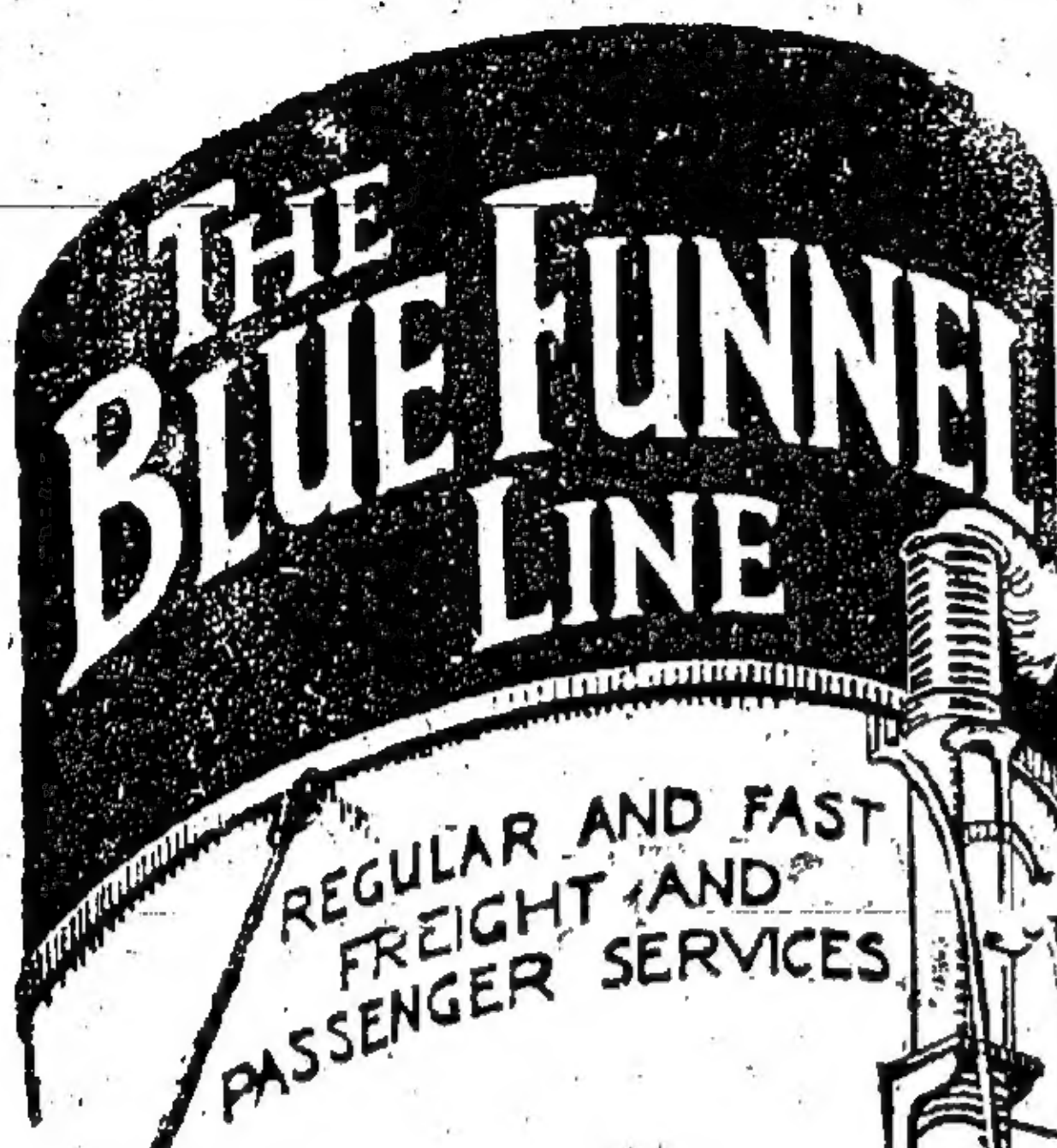
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(London, 11th and 12th April)	
Europe via Negapatnam (Letters only, London, 4th April)	FRIDAY, MAY 3
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru
SATURDAY, MAY 4	
Europe via Negapatnam (Papers only, London, 4th April)	Pres. Van Buren
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For	WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	Per
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Swatow	Canton
Amoy	Hydrangea
Saigon	Liangchow
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching
Tourane	Chungking
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	

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Letters May 4, 9 a.m.	G.P.O.
Registration May 4, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters May 5, 9.30 a.m.	
Manila	SATURDAY, MAY 4
Amoy	Pres. Van Buren
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Antung
Bangkok via Swatow	HOZAN MARU
	MONDAY, MAY 6
Amoy	Kiangsu
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa	Kutsang
Japan, Hqolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco	Hakata Maru
	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Jackson
Amoy	(Due San Francisco, 29th May.)
	Parcels May 6, 3 p.m.
	Registration May 6, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters May 6, 5 p.m.
	President Jackson
	Registration May 6, 5 p.m.
	Letters May 6, 6 p.m.
	Kutsang
	5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DISPUTE ABOUT THE "TALKIES"

GERMAN CLAIM

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF APPARATUS

NOTEWORTHY AGREEMENT

London, Yesterday.

In the Chancery Division, London, to-day, Justice Romer heard a motion on behalf of the German Corporation Engr. seeking to restrain the Hyde Park Cinemas, Limited, from using a talking film apparatus which they alleged was an infringement of the Engr. patents.

Counsel for applicants stated that hundreds of Cinemas were now being equipped with the apparatus, which it is understood will be manufactured in America. Therefore, the matter was urgent.

The hearing was postponed until May 3 as the defence was not ready. It is noteworthy that an agreement was recently signed between the British Instructional Films and a powerful group for the development of a British talking pictures combination with important Continental interests, and of which the Engr. Corporation are members.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT GENEVA

POISON GAS

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Committee further discussed the tables annexed to the draft Treaty dealing with the maximum land, sea, and air forces, and decided to adjourn the consideration of the proposals as regards maximum Naval armaments.

The British Empire and American delegations accept the limitation of Naval effectiveness only if it is generally accepted, and a satisfactory agreement reached with regard to the limitation of warships.

The matter will be discussed when the American delegation produces its scheme of Naval Disarmament.

At to-day's meeting of the Disarmament Committee, Lord Cushendun announced that Great Britain would ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925, prohibiting the use of poison gas in war time, provided other Powers also ratified it.

Lord Cushendun made a similar reservation on behalf of the Governments of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Irish Free State.

Dr. Riddell (Canada) announced that the Canadian Government intended to submit to Parliament a proposal to ratify the Protocol, subject to reciprocity.—Reuter.

Dr. Reginald English Douglas, of Bedford, died recently from scarlet fever contracted from a patient.

At the sale of Baron van Zuylen's prints and books at Sotheby's Rooms, Bond-street W., a total of £52,000 have been realised.

RECREATION NEED

POLICE AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon Mr. J. P. Braga will ask:

(a) Will the Director of Public Works inform the Council whether in the scheme of Town Planning for Kowloon any site, and where, has been earmarked for a recreation ground for the growing number of members of the Police Force stationed at Kowloon and of the subordinate staff in the service of the Government?

(b) If no such site has been marked out as yet, will the Government consider the advisability of forthwith making a suitable reservation of Crown land, both as regards area and location, for recreation purposes for the above mentioned members of the Civil Service residing at Kowloon?

SOLAR ECLIPSE

PHENOMENON VISIBLE HERE NEXT WEEK

PHASES IN COLONY

An eclipse of the sun occurs on May 9, visible in its total phase on a line extending from a point in the Indian Ocean 600 miles to the South-West of Madagascar across Northern Sumatra, Malaya, Indo-China and the Philippines. It will be visible as a partial eclipse over East Africa, India, the greater part of China, Japan, the East Indies, and Australia.

In Hong Kong, we learn through the courtesy of the Royal Observatory, the standard times of the various phases are as below:

Beginning 2.5 p.m.
Centre of Eclipse 3.21 "
End 4.31 "

During the greatest phase 64 of the sun's surface will be eclipsed by the moon's disc. The first and last contacts occur at angles of 221 and 147, respectively, from the north point of the sun.

The phenomenon may be observed in any telescope with a suitable coloured screen. A telescope with a positive eye piece (i.e., an inverting or astronomical telescope) can be arranged as a photographic lens to project an image of the sun on a suitably placed white screen.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Cheung Chau, Yesterday.
The match for the theatre and "Joas" of the Vegetarians is now constructed and performance commences shortly.

Welcome rains fell on two nights. The weather is still blustery.

Invitations have been issued for the Annual Sports meeting of the Cheung Chau Government School on the C.C.R.A. ground on Saturday next, commencing at 11 a.m. Mrs. W. T. Southern will distribute the prizes at 5 p.m.

Valuable prints and pictures were destroyed in a fire at the Ranelagh Club, Barnes, S.W.

LABOUR PARTY'S MANIFESTO

MANY PROMISES

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME LAID DOWN

"NURSERY TO UNIVERSITY"

London, Yesterday.

The Labour manifesto, outlining the Party's election programme, upholds the ordered progress of democratic methods and lays down a comprehensive scheme to stimulate employment, consisting of housing, slum clearance, electrification, reorganisation of transport, new roads, afforestation, reorganisation of the coal industry, re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia, agricultural policy, co-ordinated with the town policy, abolition of food taxes, equal educational opportunities—opening the road "from the nursery school to the university," extension of pension schemes, ratification.—Reuter.

SOVIET TRICKERY

FAKE IMPORT COMPANY IN ALEXANDRIA

AGITATOR DEPORTED

Cairo, Yesterday.
The Egyptian authorities have unmasked a serious attempt by the Soviet to establish a centre for Bolshevik propaganda in Egypt, under the cloak of an agency called "Textile Imports, Limited," which the Soviet was allowed to establish two years ago in Alexandria to purchase cotton.

Subsequently, and after the arrival of M. Alexis Vasilief as manager, the agency purchases of cotton declined.

When the agency engaged a certain Hugo Rudolf instead of a local cotton expert, the authorities made enquiry, and soon obtained sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Rudolf and other Communists with whom he was in contact.

It appears that Rudolf really is Rudolf Pinnis, a brother of Edward Pinnis, the head of the Soviet group in Constantinople.

Letters from there were found on Rudolf, proving that the main object of the Soviet cotton agency was to promote the cause of Bolshevism. Pinnis has been deported, and Vasilief has left at the request of the Egyptian Government.—Reuter.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK"

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR JAPANESE PRESSMAN

GRATIFICATION IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The vernacular newspapers are giving prominence to daily wireless messages from the Rengo Agency's correspondent aboard H.M.S. "Suffolk," describing life on a British warship and the doings of the Duke of Gloucester.

Being the first time on which a Japanese journalist has been permitted to travel on a British warship, great interest is aroused and an excellent impression has been made by the grant of this unusual privilege.

Special gratification is expressed at the correspondent's account of how the Japanese flag was hoisted and other ceremonies held aboard the "Suffolk" yesterday in celebration of the Emperor's birthday.

The opinion is expressed that these courtesies will do much to cement British-Japanese relations.—Reuter.

SMALL-POX

CASES IN LONDON AND AMERICA

London, Yesterday.
There are now 291 small-pox cases in London.

It is also reported from Middleboro, Massachusetts, U.S.A., that local health officials are alarmed at an epidemic of small-pox. So far 100 cases have been reported, but there is no suggestion that the epidemic is due to any contact with Europeans.—Reuter.

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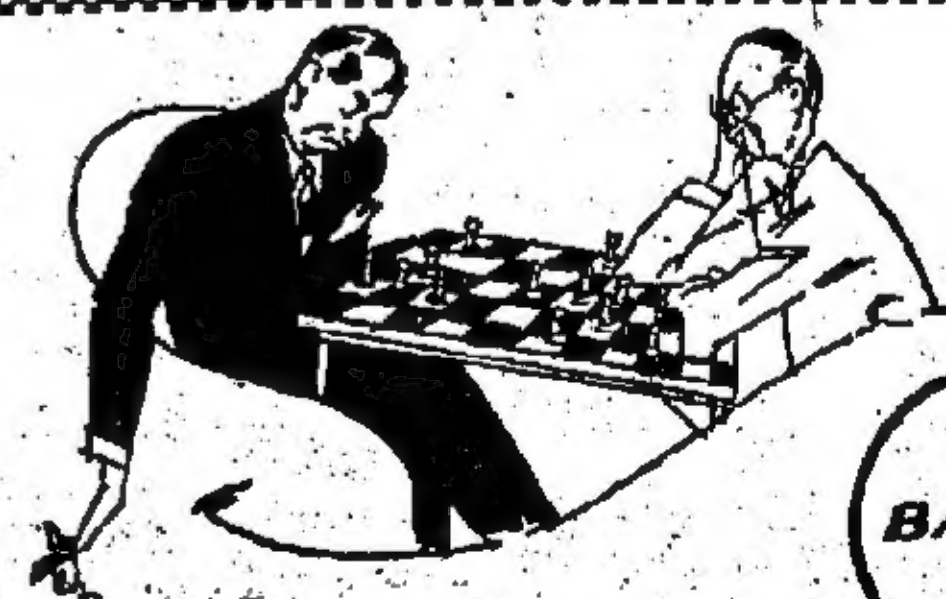
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